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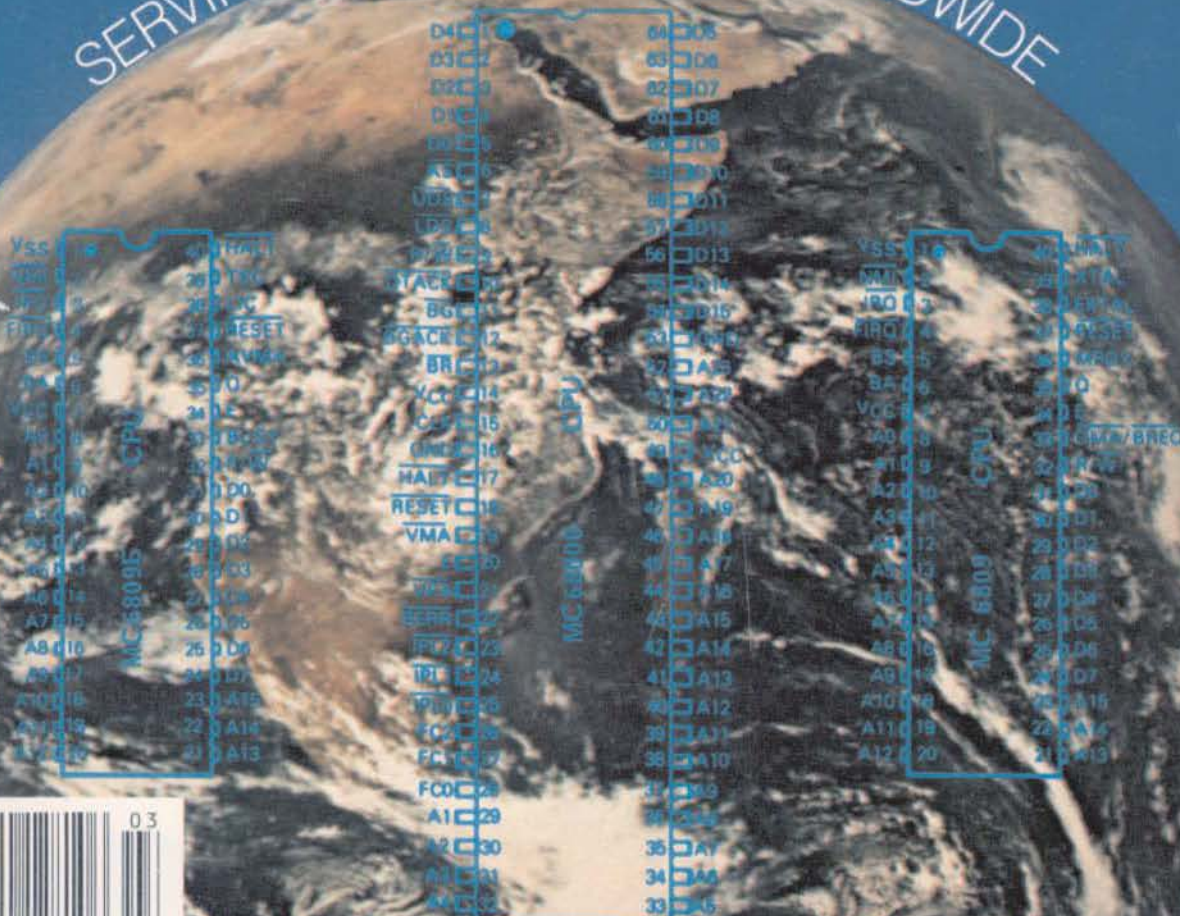
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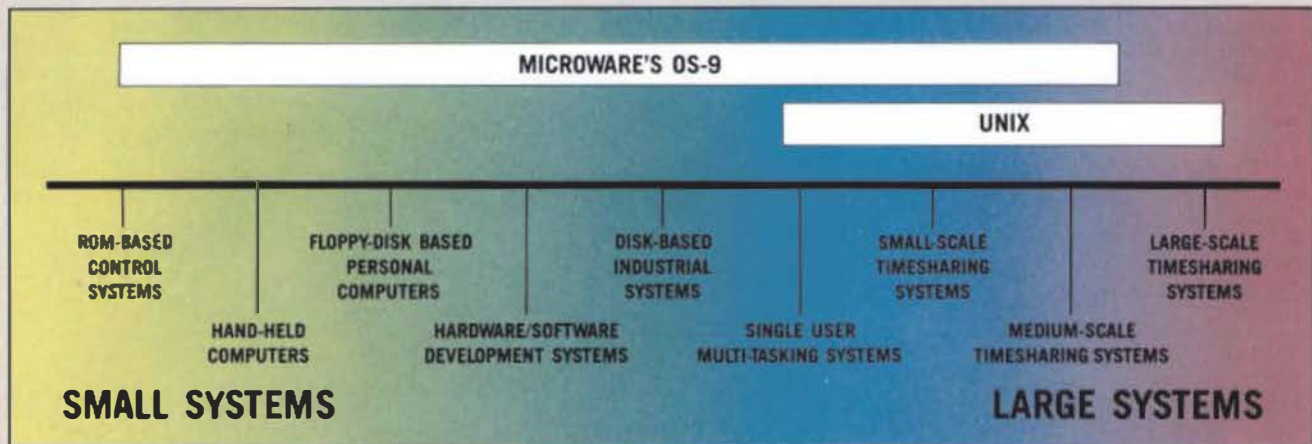
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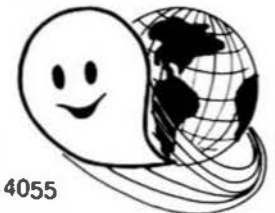
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** Loop: Main()
{
    register long i;
    for (i=0; i < 999999; ++i);
}

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In the process of the PAT editor project, I ran across some interesting things regarding PL/9. PL/9 has a mode whereby you can let it compile a program and look at the code generated for each statement. I noticed some time ago that there seemed to be a lot of code generated where there was an .AND or .OR (logical and and or functions) in a statement. I decided to do some testing and see if some alternative structures would be more efficient. I defined some global BYTE variables A,B,C, and D. Then I let PL/9 compile:

```
IF A=B .AND C=D THEN
BEGIN
END;
```

I found that the byte count is 28 for that construct. The empty BEGIN END pair contribute no code to that count, which is what I wanted, since I wanted to compare the logical statement only. An equivalent function may be had using a compound IF statement. Moreover some speed gain may be realized with this structure.

```
IF A=B THEN IF C=D THEN
BEGIN
END;
```

If the A=B condition happens only once in a while and the C=D condition is common, this arrangement will cause the evaluation to stop when it is determined that A<>B. In addition, the code generated was only 16 bytes, a saving of 12.

```
WHILE A=B .AND C=D
BEGIN
END;
```

This structure generated 28 bytes also. I wondered if negating the second test and causing it to abort the loop would produce less code.

```
WHILE A=B
BEGIN
  IF C<>D THEN BREAK; /* FIRST STATEMENT OF LOOP */
  (LOOP STATEMENTS GO HERE)
END;
```

This alternative generated 21 bytes for a saving of 7 bytes. I had a thought for another alternative structure.

```
REPEAT UNTIL A=B .OR C=D;
```

This compiled 28 bytes again.

```
REPEAT
  (STATEMENTS GO HERE)
  IF C=D THEN BREAK; /* LAST STATEMENT OF LOOP */
UNTIL A=B;
```

This alternative generated only 17 bytes for a saving of 11. In all these cases the results are identical,

though in the first case using compound IF THEN, the change cannot be made if there is an ELSE clause that relates to the whole logical .AND expression. If there is no ELSE clause, the substitution is direct.

So what? Who cares about a few bytes here and there? PAT had grown to 16.5K bytes, but by the time I had restructured all possible occurrences of the three above structures, I had saved over 1K of object code! Needless to say, an editor might have more than its share of logical .AND and .OR conditions, but I think there is a principle to be learned here. Depending on a compiler implementation, simple changes may produce fairly substantial code reduction. If you can think of an alternative structure it is worth a try. In one other case, I had a series of IF statements:

```
IF CH = 'T' THEN ...
IF CH = 'B' THEN...
```

.*

I thought about changing it to a PL/9 CASE statement:

```
IF CH
CASE 'T' THEN...
CASE 'B' THEN...
```

.*

END;

I was a little surprised to find that each case in the case statement added one byte to the code, over and above what was generated by the series of IF THEN statements. It would seem logical that getting the variable CH once and comparing it down a list of possibilities would take less code than getting it for each IF THEN statement in the first arrangement. Not so.

In most applications I would opt for the clarity of the .AND or .OR structure over the reduced code of the less clear construction. However, in the case of the editor, the smaller the program, the larger the edit buffer. Squeeze out 1K and I can have a larger edit buffer or several more features without further loss of the edit buffer.

HELP!

As I mentioned last time, I have been overwhelmed with work both fulltime and consulting. As a result some of your letters have been neglected for some time. I have gotten around to answering some of them, but several have gone unanswered. Many of the letters have been or will be answered in future columns.

Assembler Routines

I have some particularly good examples of optimization using assembler code, and I thought I would discuss them here. Frequently in a control or measurement application a need arises to multiply a 16 bit integer number by a small integer constant. For example, suppose I want to

be able to input a number as an ASCII string and convert it to 16 bit binary representation. The algorithm for doing it is simple,

1. Clear the variable NUMBER
2. Get the next character of the string (starting at the high order or leftmost one). If the character is not an ASCII digit, then goto 7.
3. Multiply NUMBER by 10.
4. AND the character with \$0F to remove the \$30 ASCII "bias".
5. Add the result of 4 to NUMBER
6. Go to step 2 and repeat
7. We're done. Result is in the variable NUMBER.

Most any measurement or control program would have an integer multiply subroutine, set up to multiply any two integer numbers and check for overflow. If you are in no hurry, you can just use that, but if you are optimizing code, you could consider this multiply as a special case that could be done a great deal faster than the standard multiply for several reasons. First you might well be able to assume that the input number couldn't overflow an integer variable. You could, for example, limit the input to four digits. You might be able to assume the number is always positive. Since the multiplier is small, (i.e. it is a "byte" value, less than 255) you can simplify the multiplication. You know the upper byte of the multiplier will be zero. You are multiplying by a positive 10, and you don't have to do a lot of manipulation to insure that the sign is properly handled. With all these limitations, the small integer multiply can be very short and fast. There are two ways to do it that come to mind immediately. You can do some add and shift manipulations or you can use the MUL instruction of the 6809.

I was curious to see which would be more efficient, so I coded the program both ways. Both assume the input is in a particular "buffer" called VALUE, and that the result is to be put in a double byte called TEMP.

First let's discuss the MULTEST program listing. Essentially what it does is to multiply the low order byte of the integer by ten, store the 16 bit result in TEMP, multiply the high order byte of the input number by 10 and add it to the high order byte. If you play computer a little, you will see that the other partial products will all be zero because the high order byte of the "10" is zero. If the number can't overflow there is no carry to worry about. This program with its test value of 533, runs 47 clock cycles down to but not including the RTS, since TSC Debug errors out on encountering an RTS without having previously found a JSR or BSR.

Though you might expect the MUL instruction to be the most efficient, now look at the ADTEST listing. This one uses the fact that a number is multiplied by two by shifting it left one place. The number is first loaded to ACCD and shifted left one place. Unfortunately the 6809 does not have an ASLD instruction. One must shift the low order byte (which moves the top bit to the carry flag) and then ROTATE the high order byte, which pulls the carry flag status into the low order bit. The instructions ASLB, ROLA accomplish multiplication by two. Two times the number is then pushed to the stack to save it for later, and the number is shifted left twice more, multiplying it by 8. Now we simply add 8N to 2N and the result is of course 10N. The result is stored in TEMP as the answer. This routine runs 38 clock cycles, and beats the one using the MUL instruction by 9 cycles.

Of course if the multiplier were 7 there would have to

be a couple of saves and a couple of adds, and the MUL version would win. The point is that it pays to check alternative methods if you are really after speed. I would guess that most any 16 by 16 multiply routine that handles signs etc. would run on the order of 400 clock cycles. This optimization then is better by a factor of 8 or 10, than the blind use of the available multiply routine.

NOTE: I checked later and found that one of my compilers would do this multiply in 144 clock cycles but another one took 825.

The MUL version has the advantage that its execution time doesn't change appreciably if the multiplier is 7 or 15 or 31, whereas the shift and add version changes considerably. The shift and add version can be even faster for a multiply by 3 or 5, for example. The Shift version is two bytes smaller in terms of object code than the MUL version, a rather negligible difference. The MUL version could be modified to use a "byte" variable for the multiplier and it could stand as a small integer multiply routine. Either of these techniques could be extended to multiple byte integer values. Both are small enough to be used as macros so they appear in line where used, and avoid the JSR (BSR) - RTS execution times as well if speed were the all out objective. If I needed a fast string to binary routine, I would code the multiply by 10 in-line in the routine.

Now having said the above, let's put this in perspective a little bit. A routine to convert four digit ASCII strings to binary numbers would use the above MULTEN routine(s) four times. It would have some other overhead also. A fair estimate might be that we could convert a number in 250 clock cycles using one of the above routines. If the ASCII string is coming from operator input, we might as well not bother with the optimization, because even the slowest standard integer multiply would easily keep up with the operator. Suppose, however that the application is a data collector, and we have 1000 four digit numbers stored in memory to convert. (The discussion after this point will assume a 1 MHz 6809. All times may be divided by two for a 2 MHz system.) Our routine using the above could do it in 250 milliseconds. One using a standard multiply that takes 825 clock cycles, as I found one of my compilers to do, might do one four digit conversion in 3600 clock cycles. It would take 3.6 seconds to do 1000 conversions. In this case it would make sense to go to the trouble of the special routine. Suppose there were 10000 strings to convert? Then we're talking about 2.5 seconds vs 36 seconds. In that sort of application, there might be no question that the optimization is needed!

Good programming practice, obviously depends greatly on the application. A program is nearly always a trade-off between speed and size. If we optimize for speed only where we need it, and go for minimum size where speed is of little concern, we have done the very best we can do.

Many compilers allow the user to substitute Assembler code where it is necessary to improve execution speed. Generally, a higher level language is easier to read and maintain than assembler code. It is also easier to program in the higher level language. The general rule is therefore to write the program in the high level language and convert to assembler code only those routines whose execution speed limits the performance of the program.

I tried to do that with the new editor PAT. Pat is presently just at 15.5K of code. Of that about 3K or less is assembler. Yet the assembler code is probably being executed at least half of the time. When I dump the screen buffer to the edit buffer, for example, 2944 characters are moved to the edit buffer. The program handles lines of text on the high level, and calls an

assembler routine to move a line (128) characters from one place to another. The high level loop is executed 23 times, and the assembler loop 2944 times in dumping a screenful to the buffer. Save one clock cycle in the assembler loop and you have saved almost 3 milliseconds in a screen dump. Save one clock cycle in the higher level loop and you have saved 23 microseconds! It is obviously vastly more fruitful to optimize the character handling loop than the line handling loop.

In the case of a screen editor, what happens most? To insert a line, a number of other lines must be moved in the screen buffer. Same goes for deleting a line. To move to a different area of the file being edited, characters must be moved from the screen buffer to the edit buffer and vice versa. Right. Moving things around in memory is probably the most often function in a line editor. Therefore, the most improvement in its performance will be made by optimizing the portions of the program that move characters around.

This discussion should lead to the formulation of a few rules for optimizing program execution time. First look for the one operation that the program does most. Where does it spend most of its time? If that place is a repeat loop of some sort, concentrate on removing every possible clock cycle from the instructions in that loop. Next, if the program is still not acceptably fast, find the next operation where the program spends a lot of time and reduce that time to a minimum. As a general rule, about 90% of the possible improvement in execution time may be made by optimizing two or three routines. Look for alternative ways to do the same thing. If you are clearing a big area of memory, just to give one simple example, you could do the following:

```

CLRA
LDX #BUFSTR  BUFFER START ADDRESS
LOOP  STA ,X+
      CMPX #BUFEND
      BNE LOOP
      RTS

```

If the buffer happens to contain an even number of locations, (or you can arrange it thus) however, you might do it considerably faster with:

```

CLRA
CLRB
LDX #BUFSTR
LOOP  STD ,X++
      CMPX #BUFEND
      BLT LOOP
      RTS

```

In the second case, you would be clearing two locations at once each time through the loop. To clear the same amount of memory, would require half as many times through the loop. Yes, STD ,X++ does take longer than STA ,X+, but the CMPX and the Branch instruction are done half as many times when doing two bytes at a time. The savings are considerable.

Sometimes a little planning can simplify a loop and reduce its execution time. Suppose you could start your buffer that is going to be cleared, at address 0?

```

CLRA
CLRB
LDX #BUFEND+1  PAST END OF BUFFER
LOOP  STD ,--X
      BNE LOOP
      RTS

```

By arranging the code so that the index register becomes zero as the exit condition there are now only 11 clock cycles used for each pass of the loop. STD ,--X uses 8 cycles and BNE uses 3. The first example above

has a 13 clock cycle loop and the second a 14 cycle loop. Remember that the first method cleared one location at a time. Suppose we have a 1 mhz system and are to clear 1000 bytes of memory. The first method will take 13 milliseconds, the second will take 7, and the third 5.5. It should be clear that not only careful coding but also careful consideration of memory usage is important in minimizing execution time or optimizing a program. If there were no good reason NOT to use memory starting at \$0000 for the buffer that is cleared by the example code above, obviously that would be the best choice. Perhaps there are other considerations however, that make that choice of memory a poor one. In that case the second method might be best. Someone once said "There ain't no free lunch". Programming and engineering in general usually work on the principle that you must give something up to get something else. In programming you give up size for speed. You give up speed for size. You optimize one part of a program at the expense of another part. Now I'll get down off my soapbox for this time.

More on Tandy

I must be fair. I recently sounded off about Tandy in this column. Well, like many big companies, they never did admit that they made a mistake, but after a lot of verbal kicking of the manager of the local Tandy Computer Center, he spent a lot of time on the phone and finally someone in the organization suggested that maybe the ROMs they sent us had been programmed incorrectly or were defective. We thought it strange that all three sets had the same defect, but they sent us three more sets via Federal Express. The defect obviously was that they had sent us version 2.5 the first time, since the new ones were version 2.9. I am happy to report that the new ROMs and the new MS-DOS finally cured the problems we reported ten months ago, without introducing new problems.

I can't say we're terribly excited about the great service or all the fumbling in the process, but it is good at last to be able to use the COM1 port as advertised, and to have the MODE utility operative. Now maybe with a little luck I can use Lattice "C" and write a communications program whereby we can pass text files between our FLEX systems and our Tandy MS-DOS systems.

```

NAM ADTEST
*
* MULTIPLY 76 BIT VALUE BY 10 BY ADD AND SHIFT
*
VALUE FDB 533
TEMP RMB 2
START LDB VALUE
ASLB
ROLA
PSHS D
ASLB
ROLA
ASLB
ROLA
ADD0 0,S++
STB TEMP
RTS
END START

```

```

NAM MULTEST
*
* SPEED OF MUL FOR 16 BIT *10
*
ORG 0
VALUE FDB 533
TEMP RMB 2
START LDB #10
LDB :VALUE+1
MUL
STB TEMP
LDB #10
LDB VALUE
MUL
ADD0 TEMP
STB TEMP
RTS
END START

```


OS-9

User Notes

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Computers and Rumors of Computers

Just yesterday I turned in the compiler I wrote for for a course this semester. It was one of biggest programs I have ever written. It represented many hours of work and several new bits of knowledge. One thing I learned had very little to do with compilers.

As the semester passed and the deadline approached I, and the rest of my class, worked ourselves into a panic. When your back is against the wall you'll try anything that might help. The straw I grasped at was a Sun workstation. (I wasn't the only one in my class to do that.) It did help. A lot.

A Sun is a 68010-based personal workstation (powerful person computer). Most of our Suns have a few megabytes of memory, a medium capacity hard disk, a large black and white screen, and an ethernet interface; some have no disk but extra memory.

When I first used a Sun I was impressed with the fine large letters on its exceptionally large screen. I didn't bother to learn its windowing software. I saw other people using windows and compared what they could do with what Mac users could do. The Sun windows didn't do well by that comparison so I didn't spend the effort to learn to use them.

I was wrong. I should have learned. It seemed a little strange that all my associates would crowd the Suns while I used the empty terminals. Did they really like working on small machines that much? Wasn't I the leading microcomputer fanatic in the department? I finally picked up the documentation and spent a half an hour playing with Sun windows. I was right, they are nowhere near as nice as what a Macintosh has. I was also wrong, they are plenty good enough.

I never moved all my work to a Sun. When I moved off my OS-9 system to get access to the tools at the department I moved to one of our VAX/750s. I stayed there and used a Sun mostly as a terminal. In the heat of the final rush I had things set up like this.

- * One small window was running a shell on my Sun.
- * A 24 by 80 and a 54 by 80 window were logged into the vax that I used for most of my work.
- * A 24 by 80 window was logged into the department's main computer (for mail and such).
- * There was space left over on the screen for a clock and a few other tricks.

The best thing about that layout was that I could look at a file for reference while editing another (without paging through a listing). When I was using the debugger or dealing with compiler errors I would watch errors on one window and edit in another. When I

needed to hang onto something for a while I'd use the mouse (I forgot to mention: there's a mouse) to cut the text out of one window and paste it into an idle window.

It's hard to describe why, but having several BIG windows on the screen made my work much easier. I'd guess that I worked about thirty percent faster because of them. I'm not sure whether little Macintosh windows would have had the same effect. I could put four 24x80 windows on the Sun's screen at the same time with no window overlapping another and run different programs in each one. Sometimes I did just that.

There is windowing software for OS-9 that is about as good as the Sun stuff. Unfortunately, I don't believe any computer available in this country has them. I would guess that there are two reasons for this. Windowing requires pretty sophisticated display management. OS-9 doesn't know how to do that for a generalized terminal. The OS-9 windowing package has to be tailored for specific display hardware. Preferably a memory-mapped video device.

The windowing software also consumes a lot of memory. You have to add the windowing software to OS-9, then you have to have enough memory left to run a few concurrent processes -- or why bother with windows. I'd guess you'd need at least 128K for a 6809 and 256K for a 68K.

You can't buy a computer off the shelf in this country with those qualities. The CoCo is the only OS-9 computer with a standard memory-mapped display but it doesn't have the memory. Maybe the next CoCo will come with windows. By the way, I'm still hoping for a new CoCo around, say, March of next year (1986).

You've probably noticed by now that I'm an optimist. My predictions are based on lots of information but I tend to get excited and overly hopeful. For example, I expected a port of OS-9 to the AT&T Unix PC before now. It sounds like AT&T has decided to keep internal documentation for that machine secret even from the likes of Microware.

Since interviewing AT&T people about the Unix PC I've given it a lot of thought. It gets brought to my attention every day or so when a message shows up on the network asking how to do something with the Unix PC that should be in the documentation.

It is interesting to speculate about the motivations for AT&T's secretiveness. From what I hear there's a sexy new technology in there for them to protect as a trade secret. That leaves three possible reasons for the missing documentation: they're ashamed of the machine, they don't understand it themselves, or they'll go to great lengths to control it. None of these are good for users. My conclusion is: Stay away from that computer.

My optimistic thoughts about the Atari ST and the Commodore Amiga seem to be turning out better. This is one of those things that I found out about after agreeing not to write too much about it yet. I can tell you some. A company is porting OS-9 to both the Atari

ST and the Amiga. The company has experience with OS-9/68K. They plan to offer a package with OS-9, Basic-09, C, and Pascal. Of course this is all in the planning stage. I get the impression that projecting marketing plans is about as hard as predicting software completion dates. Speaking of software completion, the ports are coming along nicely.

Interesting side issue: this same company (who shall remain nameless) MIGHT also do networking hardware for the new OS-9 network file system.

My guess is that they'll be lucky if they can get the price for the OS-9-plus-languages package down to

six-hundred dollars. An ST with a monochrome monitor costs about eight-hundred dollars. People who buy inexpensive computers aren't going to flock to an expensive operating system no matter how good it is. I don't expect that we'll find ourselves buried with Atari or Amiga users, but this could be the source of a few tens of thousands of new OS-9 users. They would also be nice environments for windows!

Of course, if Atari or Commodore decided to pick up OS-9 things could be different. Then we could be talking about many new members for our little community. Both the ST and the Amiga are nice machines that deserve to succeed.

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter begins a discussion of the design and implementation of a text editor written entirely in the C language. Rather than covering the details of one editor, as was done in an earlier chapter with ED, it discusses each function of a text editor and potential methods of design and implementation. In the process, many C concepts, such as recursive structures and basic file-handling, are covered to some degree.

TEXT EDITOR CONCEPTS

Essentially everyone who programs a computer uses a text editor. Many who use them but do not program them use a text editor. It may be as trivial as a line-oriented editor, such as those provided by many BASIC compilers, in which lines may be added, deleted, or changed, but only on an entire-line basis. It may be as sophisticated as a professional word-processor, with a very large number of commands and features, perhaps requiring a keyboard with many special-purpose buttons. The text editors most programmers use lie somewhere between these extremes. Many programmers are familiar with several text editors, because of convenience or dependencies between text editors and language processors.

Most text editors perform at least the following functions:

- internal processing
- file input
- file output
- keyboard input
- display output

Some specialized text editors, such as those used in control systems, do not support file input and output, but essentially all general-purpose text editors support these functions.

This discussion covers potential means of implementing each of these functions using the C language. Note that the functions are all interdependent. If the internal data structure is changed, the file input and output functions must be changed. Also note there is no best manner in which to design and implement a text editor.

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The example program at the end of this chapter illustrates many of the design points covered in this discussion. It omits the expansion of the keyboard and display functions, as they are covered later, since they deserve so much attention. It illustrates only a simple set of internal processing functions.

INTERNAL PROCESSING

The internal processing functions of a text editor determine most of its characteristics. These include whether the editor is line or screen-oriented, it is "what you see is what you get" or not, it has a spartan or a rich command set, it has single or multiple

this means that the user is responsible for defining a module to be linked with the editor to interface with a given terminal and system or that the user is responsible for constructing a table which the editor can read to determine the characteristics of a given terminal and system.

The display and keyboard functions are represented in the example program provided at the end of this chapter by "initscreen", "inkeyboard", and "outscreen". The "inkeyboard" function returns a code representing which program function key was struck. The pointer array to the data structure used by the display and keyboard functions is named "scrinx". It is part of the interface which allows data to be received from the keyboard and sent to the display to and from the internal processing functions. Details of such functions are covered in later chapters.

C PROBLEM

The program below extends the help program from an earlier chapter by implementing the standard UNIX-like wildcard meta-characters "?" and "*" in keyword strings. "?" matches any single character and "*" matches any string of zero or more characters.

The recursive method used to match the "*" meta-character significantly simplifies the string matching algorithm. Without recursion, a table is required to remember how far to backtrack in the comparison when a mismatch occurs. With recursion, the necessary bookkeeping is done automatically in the stack; when a mismatch occurs, the location to which to backtrack is in the stack.

```
/*
** help program      called as:      help helpfilename
** help file has following format:
**      *keyword
**      text
**      :
**      text
**      *keyword
**      text
**      :
**      text
**      *      (FLEX users must end with dummy keyword)
*/
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#define TABSIZE 256
#define TABENT 64
```

```
main(argc,argv)
int argc,**argv;
{
    FILE *input;
    int i = 0, j, k;
    char string[TABSIZE], query[TABSIZE];
    char keyword[TABENT + 1][TABSIZE + 1];
    long loc[TABSIZE + 1];

    if (argc < 2)
    {
        fputs("usage: help filename\n",stdout);
        exit(1);
    }
    if ((input = fopen(argv[1],"r")) == NULL)
    {
        fputs("Can't open ",stdout);
        fputs(argv[1],stdout);
        fputs("\n",stdout);
        exit(2);
    }
    setbuf(input,NULL);
    while (fgets(string,TABSIZE,input))
        if (!strcmp(string,"*") && (string[1] >= ' '))
            if (i >= TABSIZE)
                break;
            else
            {
                string[strlen(string) - 1] = 0x00;
                strcpy(keyword[i],string + 1,TABENT);
                loc[i++] = ftell(input);
            }
}
```

```
rewind(input);
while (1)
{
    fputs("Enter keyword. ",stdout);
    if (!fgets(query,TABSIZE,stdin))
        break;
    query[j] = 0x00;
    for (j = 0; j < i; ++j)
        if (wildcard(query[keyword[j]]))
        {
            if (ifseek(input,loc[j],0))
            {
                while (fgets(string,TABSIZE,input))
                    if (!strcmp(string,"*"))
                        fputs(string,stdout);
            }
        }
}
fclose(input);
exit(0);

wildcard(pattern, string)
char *pattern, *string;
{
    char c, d, r = 0, *p = pattern, *s = string;

    while (1)
    {
        switch (*p)
        {
            case '~':
                if (!(*s) || (!++p))
                    goto exit1;
                while (*s)
                    if (wildcard(p, s++))
                        goto exit1;
                goto exit0;
            case '?':
                break;
            case '\\0':
                r = !*s;
                goto exit0;
            default:
                if (*p != *s)
                    goto exit0;
        }
        ++p;
        if (*s)
            ++s;
    }
    exit1:
        r = 1;
    exit0:
        return (r);
}
```

For the next C problem, code a function and a test driver which will compute the factorial of a given positive integer. The factorial of a number is the product of all positive integers less than or equal to the number. Code the function using both recursive and non-recursive techniques, and determine which technique provides the fastest and which provides the most compact function definition. Determine the largest positive integer for which the program will correctly compute the factorial exactly.

EXAMPLE C PROGRAM

Following is this month's example C program; it illustrates the file-handling and certain internal functions of a text editor.

```
#include "driver.h"

struct groups
{
    struct groups *link;
    char line[80];
};

main(argc,argv)
int argc;
char **argv;
{
    FILE *text;
    char *p, *q, *r, *s, *t, *u;
    char string[256], temp[20], filename[64];
    short int i = 0, j, k = 0, key, recs = 0;
    struct groups *first, *this, *that, *page, *last, *prev;
    struct groups *valid, *links[19];
```

```

initScreen(*++argv);
strcpy(filename,*(argv + 1));
first = this = that = page = last = prev = valid = NULL;
if ((text = fopen(filename,"r")) == NULL) /* try to open file */
    goto setup;
while (fgets(string,255,text) != NULL)
{
    if ((last = (struct groups *)
        calloc(1,sizeof (struct groups))) == NULL)
        goto termin;
    ++recs;
    strcpy(last->line,string);
    if (first == NULL)
        first = last;
    else
        this->link = last;
    (this = last)->link = NULL;
}
fclose(text);

setup:
while ((first == NULL) || (recs % 18))
{
    if ((last = (struct groups *)
        calloc(1,sizeof (struct groups))) == NULL)
        goto termin;
    ++recs;
    last->line[0] = 0x00;
    if (first == NULL)
        first = last;
    else
        this->link = last;
    (this = last)->link = NULL;
}
for (i = 1; i < 19; ++i)
    scrinx[i]->fld_attr = scrinx[1]->type = 0;
scrinx[25]->hdg_attr = X_CLEAR;

reset:
page = first;
prev = NULL;
goto samepage;

nextpage:
page = this;
for (j = 18; j; --j)
    if ((prev = links[j]) != NULL)
        goto samepage;
page = first;

samepage:
that = this = page;
for (j = 1; (j < 19); ++j)
{
    links[j] = this;
    strncpy(scrinx[j]->data,
        ((this != NULL) ? this->line : "\0"),79);
    if (this != NULL)
        this = this->link;
}
firsttime = 'f';
if ((key = inkeyb(Stdscr,params)) != KEY_F(9))
{
    for (i = 1, j = 0; i < 19; ++i)
    {
        scrinx[i]->type = X_CURSOR;
        if (that != NULL)
        {
            strncpy(that->line,scrinx[j - 1]->data,79);
            that = that->link;
        }
    }
    for (k = ++j; k < 19; ++k)
        if (blanks(scrinx[k]->data))
        {
            for (; j < 19; ++j)
            {
                if ((that = (struct groups *)
                    calloc(1,sizeof (struct groups))) == NULL)
                    goto termin;
                ++recs;
                strncpy(that->line,scrinx[j]->data,79);
                links[j] = last->link = that;
                last = that;
            }
            break;
        }
}
switch (key)
{
case KEY_F(2): /* PF2 insert line */
    if ((links[j] = params->last_field) != NULL) && j)
    {
        if ((that = (struct groups *)
            calloc(1,sizeof (struct groups))) == NULL)
            goto termin;
    }
}

```

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++recs;
if (links[j] != first)
    ((j == 1) ? prev : links[j - 1])->link = that;
else
    first = that;
that->link = links[j];
if (j == 1)
    page = that;
scrinx[j]->type = X_CURSOR;
}
goto samepage;
case KEY_F(4): /* PF4 save file */
    if ((text = fopen(filename,"w")) != NULL)
    {
        for (this = first, valid = NULL; this != NULL;
            this = this->link)
        {
            this->line[79] = 0x00;
            if (blanks(this->line))
                valid = this->link;
        }
        for (this = first; this != valid; this = this->link)
        {
            *(this->line + blanks(this->line)) = 0x00;
            if (*this->line)
            {
                fputs(this->line,text);
                putc("\n",text);
            }
        }
        fclose(text);
        goto termin;
    }
beep();
goto samepage;
case KEY_F(5): /* PF5 delete line */
    if ((links[j] = params->last_field) != NULL) && j)
    {
        --recs;
        scrinx[j]->type = X_CURSOR;
        if (first == last)
            first->line[0] = 0x00;
        else
        {
            that = links[j]->link;
            if (links[j] != first)
                ((j == 1) ? prev : links[j - 1])->link = that;
            else
                first = that;
            if (links[j] == last)
                last = ((j == 1) ? prev : links[j - 1]);
            if (j == 1)
                page = links[2];
            links[j] = NULL;
        }
        goto samepage;
    }
case KEY_F(7): /* PF7 top of file */
    goto reset;
case KEY_F(9): /* PF9 undo changes */
    goto termin;
default:
    goto nextpage;
}

termin:
    termScreen();
    exit(0);
}

blanks(s)
char *s;
{
    short int i = 0, j = 0;

    while (*s)
    {
        ++j;
        if (*s != 0x20)
            i = j;
        ++s;
    }
    return i;
}

straps(d, s, n)
char *d, *s;
short int n;
{
    while (s--)
        *d++ = (*s ? *s++ : ' ');
    *d = 0x00;
}

```

ADA^R And The 68000

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Part-10 Ada Compilers and Software

In the concluding part of this series, a review of the requirements of an Ada compiler will be presented, together with a brief summary of the status of various Ada compilers, development projects, and other software.

In Part I, the standardization of the Ada Language was discussed. It was noted that two approaches to standardization were used:

- Specification of the Ada Language both as a military standard (MIL-STD) and as a standard of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- Registering of the term "Ada" as a trademark of the United States Department of Defense.

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According to guidelines established by the Department of Defense, the mark "Ada" shall not be used to name or identify a compiler or language translator unless the compiler or translator fully complies with the Ada standard (ANSI/MIL-STD-1815A-1983). Furthermore, such compliance can only be demonstrated by having the compiler or translator satisfactorily pass more than two thousand tests contained in a so-called "validation suite" of programs. Validation is administered by the Ada Joint Program Office at one of three validation test sites established expressly for this purpose.

To ensure that all validated Ada compilers meet contemporary minimum standards, the Ada Joint Program Office validates compilers only for a one year period. That is, Ada compilers must be validated annually. To further complicate the situation, the test suite of validation programs is modified on a continuing basis as the language matures, and as more experience is gained in validation. Thus, a compiler that was validated last year may become an unvalidated compiler this year if it cannot pass the current validation tests. In fact, some previously validated Ada compilers have suffered this fate, probably because economic factors could not justify the additional investment required to bring them into conformity. Currently (late 1985), there are fourteen validated Ada compilers. These compilers are listed below, with the host and target machines indicated.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>HOST COMPUTER</u>	<u>TARGET COMPUTER</u>
Alsys	VAX(VMS) MicroVAX	Altos 68000
Data General	D.G. Computers	D.C. Computers
DEC	VAX(VMS) MicroVAX	VAX(VMS) MicroVAX
Honeywell	Honeywell Computers	Honeywell Computers
Rational	Rational Development Environment	Rational Development Environment
ROLM	ROLM Computers	ROLM Computers
Telesoft	VAX(UNIX)	VAX(UNIX)
Telesoft	VAX(VMS)	VAX(VMS)
University of Karlsruhe (West Germany)	SIEMANS	SIEMANS
University of Karlsruhe	VAX(VMS)	VAX(VMS)
SOFTECH	VAX(VMS)	VAX(VMS)
Verdix	VAX(UNIX)	VAX(UNIX)
Verdix	Sun	Sun
Verdix	VAX(ULTRIX)	VAX(ULTRIX)

More than just these fourteen compilers have been validated, but some have expired without revalidation.

There are several interesting features of this list:

- Two of the fourteen compilers are European.
- The VAX seems to be a popular host computer.
- There are very few realistic target computers listed. (The Data General, Honeywell, and ROLM computers are exceptions.)
- There are virtually no microcomputer based compilers. (The SUN workstation is the exception; it uses the 68000 family of devices.)

Most of these compilers have been developed by private industry; some have been developed under government contract. In addition, it should be mentioned that these systems are not cheap. Purchase of one of these compilers will run from \$20,000 up. The Rational Development System (including hardware) costs just under \$500,000.

In addition to the compilers that are currently validated, there are many presently under development, including several that are specifically targeted to microprocessor based computers. These development efforts are listed below:

COMPANY	HOST COMPUTER	TARGET COMPUTER
Alaya	68000, IBM-PC/XT	68000, IBM-PC/XT
Amdahl	Amdahl 470	Amdahl 470 8086
Bell Laboratories	VAX 3B20	VAX 3B20
Carnegie-Mellon University	VAX	VAX
Control Data	CYBER	CYBER
Digicom	Delphi	Delphi
Florida State University	CYBER	Z8000
General Transformation	IBM-PC/XT	IBM-PC/XT
Gensoft	VAX WD1600	VAX WD1600
Intel	8086 80186 80286 80386	8086 80186 80286 80386
Intermetrics	IBM-370 Prime	IBM-370 Prime
Irvine Computer Science Corp.	VAX 68000 Z8000	VAX 68000 Z8000
Mills International New York University	Burroughs VAX IBM-370 IBM-PC/XT Sun	8086 Z80 VAX IBM-370 IBM-PC/XT Sun
R R Software (Janus-Ada)	8086 MS-DOS 8086 CP/M	8086 8080 Z80
Softech	VAX	8086 80186 80286 MicroVAX
Stanford University	DEC-10	DEC-10
Tartan Laboratories	VAX(UNIX) 68000(UNIX)	68000 68010 68020
Telesoft	IBM-370 68000(UNIX) 68000(ROS)	IBM-370 68000
Verdix	VAX Sun	68000 1750A 80286

In addition, there are a number of efforts currently underway in Europe and Japan. The general trend

indicated in these tables is toward development of Ada compilers that are targeted to the host computers themselves, which seems reasonable at this point in the development of Ada language capabilities. The next logical step is to re-target these compilers to more reasonable target machines. Some movement in this direction can be seen in the various efforts to target the Intel (8086, 80186, 80286, 80386) and Motorola (68000, 68010, 68020) families of advanced microprocessors.

As part of its promotion of the Ada language, the Ada Joint Program Office has established the Ada Information Clearing House (Ada IC) to aid as a focal point for information on the development of the Ada program and on all Ada language related activities. Ada IC is operated by IIT Research Institute and provides information on program status, AJPO activities, Ada standards, educational programs, and European Ada activities. Specific activities of the Ada IC include:

- Publication of the Catalog of Resources for Education in Ada and Software Engineering (CREASE).
- Maintenance of a current data base of Ada-related information. This data base is accessible via MILNET (formerly ARPANET) and via TELENET.
- Publications of the Ada IC Newsletter.
- Maintenance of an Ada mailing list database.
- Provision of an Ada Information Packet (free of charge) to interested parties.

In general, a wealth of introductory information is available from Ada IC. Two current addresses for Ada IC are:

3D139 (Fern St., C-107)
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-3081
(703) 685-1477

and

Suite 300
4550 Forbee Blvd.
Lanham, MD 20706
(301) 731-8894

In the experience of some, a phone call is often more effective than a letter.

The professional organization most oriented to Ada language is the Special Interest Group on Ada (SIGADA) of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). This group publishes Ada Letters, a bi-monthly journal containing both technical articles and important information relating to Ada language development. The quarterly meetings of this organization provide the principal forum for the exchange of ideas among Ada experts.

This series of articles has presented the Ada programming language from three viewpoints:

- The development of the language and the impetus behind that development.
- The general form of the language in terms of programming features.
- The current status of the Ada language.

While no one knows what the full impact of the Ada language will be, it cannot be denied that the current situation is dynamic and exciting. Defense contractors

are currently "tooling up" for the full implementation of Ada in their facilities, and the close relationship between the Ada language and modern concepts of software engineering is beginning to emerge in the form of integrated workstations and support environments. Critics may argue against the wisdom of the language, but they cannot deny its impact.

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Editor's Notes: I want to thank Dr. Theodore Elbert for the time and effort he has given to provide us with this

series on Ada. When he first submitted the original Ada manuscript I asked him to do more, he did - result: a comprehensive and complete "over-view" of the Ada language.

Without the "spirit of cooperation" as evidenced by this and other contributions to 68 Micro Journal, we would be hard put to justify our existence. So, what it all simply boils down to is this: "Without all of you, we would be nothing!" You, the readers, are 68 Micro Journal.

So to you Theo, and to all the other who contribute, for the enlightenment of us all, I and thousands of readers say - THANK YOU, PLEASE KEEP THE GOOD STUFF COMING!!

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68000 User Notes

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All right, it seems that I missed another month. But hear me out - it wasn't burnout this time! As a matter of fact, I've been getting a fair amount of use out of my computers. I've even bought a new piece of software - a terrific implementation of APL for the Macintosh from a company called Portable Software.

So why the missed column? Well, it seems the company I work for contracted to do a large project for another company about a year ago. Seems I badly underestimated the time required to do the project. Seems I just finished spending about five weeks, working seven days a week, up to 15 hours a day, just to get the project done by the mid-November deadline. Seems I had no time for other activities, like writing columns, eating, or sleeping.

An aside to people engaged in writing software professionally - when asked how long I think it will take to finish some project, I make my best guess, double that, add 10 or so (be it hours, days, or months), then triple the result. It would appear that my formula gives an answer on the low side. Does anybody out there know a better way?

My Very First Program

Enough with the excuses. Onward! The last column was an introduction to the binary and hexadecimal numbering systems. While not exactly as thrilling as, say, watching grass grow, it was necessary. Now, though, I can start with some actual programming and hands-on usage of the OS-9 assembler and debugger.

Writing a program in assembly language involves a number of steps. Humans cannot easily make sense of strings of numbers, while computers can, in some ways, make sense of nothing else. To allow the two to communicate, some intermediate processing is required. An assembly language program, in human-readable form, is a text file known as the source program. This source text is input

to the assembler, a program which converts the text into a form more in line with the computer's requirements. The output from the assembler is called the object file. In some cases, this object can be directly executed, so no more steps are required. This is the case for OS-9 on the 6809. For the 68000, though, a further step is required. Here, the assembler produces a relocatable object file, which must be run through a linker, producing a final executable object file. The linker is used to allow separate source files to refer to the contents of each other, and to allow your programs to use pre-written segments of code available in a type of object file called a library. We'll have reason to use these capabilities of the linker in later columns.

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Once we have an executable program, we can use it just like any other program under OS-9, such as dir or copy. Usually, though, a program will not work properly on the first try. In this case, a program known as the debugger is used. The debugger allows us to examine a test program while it runs, looking for errors along the way. While the 6809 OS-9 debugger was rather bare-bones, the 68000 debugger is very powerful, allowing a test program to be run a step at a time. ²²

Enough intro - on with an example. Along with this column is a test program. Type it in, using the name prog001.a. The suffix .a means that this is an assembler source file.

What's It Look Like?

Before we try the program out, let's look at it a little more closely. Each line in an assembly source file is a separate statement. There are three different kinds of statements. First, there are comments, which are there for the people reading the source, and are ignored by the computer itself. In this assembler, the comment lines are those beginning with an asterisk in column 1, as well as the lines which are blank. Next, there are the instructions, which describe the actual steps to be taken in the final executable program. Each such line assembles to a single step, as opposed to other languages like C or BASIC where each statement can translate into a large number of steps when a program is run. In the example, the instructions are those lines from the one starting with "start:" to the one starting with "done:". Finally, there are directives, which hold directions for the assembler. These lines look much like instructions, but change the way in which the assembler looks at your source instead of describing a step in the final program. In the example, the lines with "psect" and "ends" on them are directives.

Instructions and directives must follow a certain syntax to be understood by the assembler. Each such statement consists of from one to four fields, or line sections separated by spaces or tabs. The four fields are label, operation, operand, and comment.

The label field must start in the first column. It is usually optional, but may be required on some lines, forbidden on others. If a statement does not have a label field, it must start with a space or tab character. The label itself is an example of a symbolic name, or symbol. A symbol is just a name starting with a letter, followed by zero or more letters or digits. For the OS-9 assembler, a symbol may be up to nine characters long, and may also use the special characters "\$" or "_", except as the first character. Also, upper and lower case are not treated the same, so the symbols "ABCDE" and "Abcde" are distinct.

When a program is assembled, each instruction statement will produce code which will reside at a certain address in memory. The label field is a way of associating a name with that address, so other statements can refer back to that address without knowing what its final value will be. A label is something like a line number in BASIC, and is exactly the same as a label in C. In the example, the labels are "start", "loop", and "done". Note that all three labels have a colon following them. The colon is not part of the label symbol, but instead tells the OS-9 assembler that the actual label names are to be included in the object file, so the linker or debugger can refer to addresses by name, just like lines within the source.

Next comes the operation field. This field determines what the line will actually do. In an instruction, the operation field holds an opcode, or op for short, which describes the type of step to be executed. The assembler converts the opcode, along with the operand field, into code values which are directly executed by the 68000 as a single step in the final program. In a directive, the field holds a pseudo-op, which, as the name suggests, does not describe a true step in the executable program, but describes an operation to be understood by the assembler instead. The opcodes and pseudo-ops are sometimes known collectively as the mnemonics, since they are generally short abbreviations which are mnemonic names for the operations they

represent. Finally, note that in the example, some of the opcodes end in ".s". This suffix is a size attribute required in 68000 programs. Most 68000 instructions can operate on different sizes of data, either 8, 16, or 32 bits at a time. By default, 16 bit data is used, but a size suffix appended to the mnemonic causes another size to be used instead. I'll hold off describing these further till later.

The operand field is next, following the operation field. While an opcode describes the operation to be performed, the operand describes the values to be used in performing the operation. For instance, if the opcode is "add", then the operand will describe the two numbers to be added together, as well as the location to save the result. The operand field can be very complicated, since the 68000 has many ways of determining where to find the data for an operation. For some opcodes, though, no extra data is needed to determine how the operation is to be done, so no operand field is necessary.

The final field in a statement is the comment field. As with comment lines, this is simply text meant for any human who happens to read the source. It is ignored by the assembler. In the OS-9 assembler, the comment field is anything following a space or tab which ends the operand field, or the operation field if the mnemonic does not require an operand. Be careful - in many other assemblers, the comment field must begin with a special character, usually a semicolon.

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What's It Do?

What I've described as the format of an assembly language source file pretty much applies to all assembly languages, not just the 68000. The differences from processor to processor are in the mnemonics used in the operation field, and the various forms allowed in the operand field. Let's examine the test program to get some idea of what goes on in the case of the 68000.

The first non-comment line in the example has an operation field of "psect". This is a pseudo-op for an assembler directive, which is required for OS-9, not the 68000. I'll ignore it for now; just enter it as is. The first instruction statement is the one with a label of "start". The opcode is "move" and the operand is "#0,d0". The move opcode, as you'd expect, moves data within the 68000. When you move something, you take it from a starting point, the source, and copy it to an ending point, the destination. The source and destination to be used are given in the operand, source first, then a comma, then the destination. For this instruction, the source is "#0", and the destination is "d0". This operand

form of "source,destination" applies to many 68000 instructions, not just mova.

The source for the current instruction is "#0" and the destination is "d0", but what does this really mean? Well, data in a 68000 can exist in one of two places - either in memory or in a register. Memory is just a long array of locations, which the 68000 can read or write by giving the proper address. Each memory location is a single byte (a collection of 8 binary bits) but bytes located next to each other can sometimes be treated as single 16 bit or 32 bit quantities. A register is a sort of super-powerful memory location, which the 68000 can address much faster than normal memory. This is because a register is actually located within the 68000 microprocessor chip itself, while normal memory is located in separate chips. Most manipulation of data in a program is done in registers, since registers are so much faster than normal memory, and the 68000's instruction set allows many more things to be done with registers than with memory.

In the 68000, each byte of memory has a numeric address. These addresses range from \$000000 (zero) to \$FFFFFF (about 16 million). The numbers are rarely used, though. Instead, a label is normally used. The registers in the 68000 do not have numbers to address them. Instead, they have names. There are 16 main registers, with the names D0, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, A0, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, and A7. D0 to D7 are the 8 data registers, used for most general arithmetic. A0 to A7 are the 8 address registers, used to hold addresses which refer to places in the address array.

We now have enough to understand the move instruction. The source of "#0" means that the number zero is the value to move. The pound sign indicates that the zero is the actual value, not the address in memory where we want to get the value. The destination of "d0" means that data register 0 is used to store the value. In other words, this instruction puts a zero in data register 0.

The rest of the instructions follow easily. "move #1,d1" has the same form, and puts a one into data register 1. For "add d1,d0", remember the "source,destination" form. This instruction takes a value from data register 1 and adds it to the value in data register 0, storing the result back in data register 0. The "add" opcode, like many others, actually takes two values, does some operation on them to arrive at a single result, and puts the result back somewhere. While this involves three different places (two sources, one destination), the 68000 requires one of the sources to be the same as the destination.

The next instruction, "add #1,d1" has the pound sign form for the source. Here, the value one is added to the value in D1, the result being placed back in D1. Next comes "cmp #100,d1". Cmp is short for compare. In a compare, we have two sources, but no real destination. Instead, some flags are set somewhere else (the condition codes - never mind what that means for now), to be used by a later instruction. The compare instruction here checks if the value in D1 is less than, equal to, or greater than the value 100.

"ble.s loop" uses the result of the comparison. Ble stands for "branch on less than or equal to". This is an example of a conditional branch. Depending on certain conditions, determined by the type of conditional branch, the next instruction to be executed is either the next instruction in memory (the branch is not taken), or the next instruction is located at an address given by the operand field of the branch (the branch is taken). For this instruction, the operand is "loop". If the comparison shows that the value in D1 is less than or equal to 100, then the next instruction to be executed is the line with the label field of "loop".

If the branch is not taken, then execution proceeds with the next line, the one with the label "done". The opcode, "bra.s", is an unconditional branch, which causes execution to proceed at the line indicated by the operand field, no matter what the condition. Since in this case the operand field says "done", the same as the label field, this is an example of an infinite loop. This instruction will be repeatedly executed, until you decide to stop the program by using the abort key under OS-9. With a less powerful operating system, this program, as is, would cause the entire system to hang, with only a full reset freeing the machine.

Now that we've seen each individual instruction, go back over the program as a whole. The comments say that the purpose of this code is to add the numbers from 1 to 100 together. This requires two different values. One value holds the current number, which moves from 1 up to 100. The other value holds the working total, which will be the final total when the first value passes 100. In the example, the counter value is held in D1, and the total in D0. Each time we execute the four instructions starting at label "loop", we add the next value in the D1 counter into the working total in D0. Thus, when the loop is finished because the value in D1 reaches 101, the final sum will be in D0.

**You Believe Me,
Don't You ?**

Having gotten this far, I'm out of space to actually show this program in action. Since the program doesn't actually output anything, and ends with an infinite loop, it is only suitable for running with the debugger. That, unfortunately, will have to wait until next month. Hang in there, things will pick up presently. In the meantime, you have a whole month to enter the example program. Presumably, that will be sufficient. See you next month.

**** Editor's Note:** Please note that S.E. MEDIA is now offering (at a large intro discount) a single stepping, etc., first class debugger - SOLVE, for OS-9 6809, levels I & II only. It is very powerful but simple to use! This has proven to be a real popular item. IF you don't consider it now, at it's low intro price, you may certainly regret it later!

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* 68000 User's Notes - Program #001

paect Prog001,\$0101,\$8001,1,512,start

* This is a small test program.

* It adds the numbers from 1 to 100.

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start:  move    #0,d0          start total
        move    #1,d1          start next number to add
loop:   add     d1,d0           add in the next number
        add     #1,d1          increment value to add
        cmp     #100,d1        check if up to 100 yet
        ble.s   loop          no - continue looping
done:   bra.s   done           done - sit here in loop

        ends
```

* End of program #001

Basically OS-9

Ron Voigts

I SPEAK OS-9

A few months ago I received a question from an OS-9 user who was getting started. He had created a number of files that had similar names like LETTER1, LETTER2 and so on. He wanted to see the contents of the files, but didn't want to have to enter the word processor to do it. So he entered the file's name in response to the OS-9 prompt and got an error #216 which is Path Name Not Found. He knew he had saved and loaded files before with the word processor, so they must be there. His problem was he didn't know how to talk to OS-9.

Through out the years of grade school and high school we have been drilled on proper english. We are taught, there are particular rules of grammar that have to be followed. Complete sentences must be made consisting of a subject and a verb. As well as, other parts of the sentence must be used to make its meaning more complete. OS-9 is no different.

When you want to talk to OS-9, you use sentences too. Conveniently, it provides the subject in the form of a prompt that looks like:

OS9:

All you have to do is supply the verb or more formally called the command. When you want to look at the working data directory, enter:

OS9:dir

Now you have a complete OS-9 sentence that will print a list of the files in the current working data directory.

Many commands take optional parameters, some demand one or more parameters to make the OS-9 sentence command complete. In the case of our DIR command, we could have tried:

OS9:dir e

The little "e" tells DIR to make an entire description of the files. A file's name, size, address, owner, permissions, date and time of last modification are listed. While some parameters are options, others are necessary for the command. If you want to see the contents of a file, enter:

OS9:llst letter1

will cause the contents of "letter1" to go the screen. This is what our OS-9 user should have used to examine his files. The OS-9 COPY command needs at least two parameters. It needs a source file and a destination file. To use it you would enter:

OS9:copy /d0/afile /d1/afile

and you would be copying "afile" from /d0 to /d1. COPY gives you another option which is "-s". Entering:

OS9:copy /d0/afile /d0/file -s

would let you copy "afile" to another disk while using the drive /d0. At each pass, a prompt will be displayed telling what disk should be in drive /d0. Parameters will vary from module to module. Some will be mandatory, while others will be optional. It pays to know the command well and what it can do.

Another part of talking to OS-9 is the use of modifiers. Modifiers are a part of the shell. They

change the way the shell would otherwise execute the command. They either come just before the parameters or right after them. There are 6 and they are:

- # memory size
- ! use with pipes
- < redirect standard input
- > redirect standard output
- >> redirect standard error output
- & run as a background task

We've hit on many of these in past columns, like the standard paths.

To redirect the input and output from the terminal, you use ">", "<" or ">>". So to send a listing the printer, enter:

OS9:llst file >/pl

and the listing will go the device pl. Many times when debugging a program that is to get its input from the keyboard, I create a file with the necessary information and redirect the standard input. For a recent program at school that analyzed flow through a complex piping network, I used:

OS9:pascaln flow <pipes

Here "flow" was a pcode program and "pipes", the temporary file. Also the error path can be redirected. Again back to debugging "flow". It was written in Pascal, so when an error did occur, at least half a dozen lines of error code would appear on my crt screen. There was the error number and type, the calling procedures, the line number and the pcode number. Rather than letting it print to the terminal I would enter:

OS9:pascaln flow <pipes >>/pl

I could then take the computer error listing, a copy of the source code and more carefully look for the error.

The "#" is a way to tell OS9 how much memory you want to use. At run time a module is allocated memory by what it needs. Some processes can use more memory, if it is available. Usually these are ones that use a buffer area for data manipulation. Editors and word processors are good examples. Assemblers and compilers are another. Many of the OS-9 commands that involve I/O can utilize the extra memory. A good example is the COPY command. It normally requests 4K of memory. If you are copying a file that is say 20K long, it would take at least 5 passes or more. But if you enter:

OS9:copy /d0/file /d1/file #22k

you provide for 22K of buffer area and the copying may only take a pass or two. You could have also used:

OS9:copy /d0/file /d1/file #88

This tells the shell to use 88 pages of memory. At 256 bytes per page, that comes to 22k again.

The "!" is used with pipes and lets you pipe the output of one process to the input of another. Let's say you have a module called UPPER. It excepts from the standard input characters, converts them to uppercase if they are not already and prints them to the standard output. Another module is called STRIP. It inputs also from the standard input, strips out linefeeds and prints to the standard output. You have a file with linefeeds

in it and is mixed with upper and lower case. You type:
 OS9:liat file ! upper ! strip >/dl/newfile
 "newfile" will be on drive /dl. Everything in "newfile" will be in uppercase and the linefeeds (\$OA) will be removed.

The final modifier is "&". Remember part of the power of OS-9 is to handle multitasking. Many times I will list files to the printer as a background task, while I work on something else. Entering:

```
OS9:liat somefile >/pl6
&004
```

will send a listing of "somefile" to the printer. Meanwhile, I'll edit another file on the disk. The &004 tells you that this is process #4. If for some reason you want to atop it, you'd enter:

```
OS9:kill 4
```

A built in shell command, KILL, removes it from the process queue.

This gives a fairly good overview of how to talk to OS-9. Being able to effectively use the OS-9 commands, opens up the power of OS-9. Many other systems I have worked on, I've lamented, if only I could do this or that. With OS-9 the power was there. All I had to do was use it properly.

Basic09 From OS-9

Variations brought about by the different programming languages can influence how the OS-9 command line is written. Basic09 is a good example. Once a program in Basic09 has been packed and placed in the commands directory, it can be used as a regular command. But its syntax is a little different.

The command is entered much as the module would be run from a Basic09 program except that RUN is not placed in front of the module name. Within a Basic09 program, a module called DOIT might be used with the line:

```
run doit
```

but from the shell level, it would only be necessary to type:

```
OS9:doit
```

OS-9 would deduce that this is a Basic09 module, get RUNB from the commands directory and execute DOIT. If parameters are to be passed, they are included as arguments with the the module name. So to pass some type of information to DOIT, the entry might appear:

```
OS9:doit(5,"test")
```

The first parameter is the integer 5. The second is the string "test". The number of parameters, their order, size, shape and type must agree with what is expected by the module. In our example it is DOIT.

DOIT must be written to accept the parameters. This is done with the statement, PARAM. To pass the integer and string we used before, DOIT might have a few lines at its beginning that look like:

```
PARAM number:INTEGER
```

```
PARAM word:STRING[10]
```

Notice that string is dimensioned for 10 characters and "test" was only 4 long. This doesn't violate the rules since Basic09 strings can be shorter than the space provided.

This month's program is a Basic09 one that gives you a chance to try out passing parameters. It is called FLOOK which is short for File LOOK. Its syntax is:

```
OS9:flook("parameters","path")
```

The parameters and their use are:

```
n....number lines
```

```
w....word count
```

```
c....character count
```

```
l....line count
```

```
/....search for target that follows
```

The path can be any to a file. Let us say you want to look for a string, "hello" in a file called letter on drive

l in the directory, MARCH. Further, you want to number lines that the target word is found on. So you would enter:

```
OS9:flook("n/helio","/dl/march/letter")
```

The output would be from the file, letter. The lines printed would have "hello" in them and be numbered as to their position in the file. You can also use the program to "pretty print" a C program. Just enter:

```
OS9:flook("n","prog.c")
```

and prog.c will be printed with line numbers added. Maybe you want the vital statistics on a file, then try:

```
OS9:flook("wlc/xyz","another file")
```

You'll find out how many word, letters and characters your file has. As long as the target, "xyz", is not found there will be no listing.

There are a few enhancements you can add. For example, a parameter could be added that would suppress the printing of the file all together. Then a silly target string would not have to be passed. Also a "head" or "tail" function could be added that would let FLOOK print only the the first or last few lines of the file. I'll leave these enhancement up to you.

The best way to learn a foreign language is to speak it. The best way to learn OS-9 is to sit down at the keyboard and start typing commands. You might end up with a lot of error messages, but remember, it knows how to listen, you have to learn how to speak to it.

```
PROCEDURE flook
(* Basic09 Program) FLOOK
(* By: Ron Voigts Date: 9-Nov-85
(* Usage: flook( "modifier string", "readfile" )
(*
(* This program will list a file, adding line numbers.
(* It will also search for a target string.
(* And it will count characters, words and
(* lines used.
*)
PARAM modifiers:STRING(80)
PARAM pathnam:STRING(80)
DIM line:STRING(32)
DIM linecount,wordcount:BOOLEAN
DIM charcount,numberit:BOOLEAN
DIM search,inword:BOOLEAN
DIM c:STRING(1)
DIM target:STRING(80)
DIM number,words:INTEGER
DIM characters:INTEGER
DIM i:INTEGER
DIM path:BYTE
*)
(* Set the flags and parse the parameter list
linecount:=FALSE
wordcount:=FALSE
charcount:=FALSE
numberit:=FALSE
search:=FALSE
WHILE LEN(modifiers)>0 AND LEFT(modifiers,1) < '/' TO
c:=LEFT(modifiers,1)
IF c="n" OR c="l" THEN
numberit:=TRUE
ENDIF
IF c="w" OR c="c" THEN
wordcount:=TRUE
ENDIF
IF c="l" OR c="c" THEN
linecount:=TRUE
ENDIF
IF c="c" OR c="c" THEN
charcount:=TRUE
ENDIF
modifiers:=RIGHT(modifiers,LEN(modifiers)-1)
ENDWHILE
IF LEFT(modifiers,1) < '/' THEN
search:=TRUE
target:=RIGHT(modifiers,LEN(modifiers)-1)
ENDIF
```

```

ELSE
  target:= ""
ENDIF
IF
  !* Open the file, read in lines from the text
  !* and process them.
  number:=0
  characters:=0
  words:=0
  OPEN @path,pathname:READ
  WHILE NOT(EOF(@path)) DO
    READ @path,line
    number:=number+1 !* Count lines
    characters:=characters+LEN(line)
    inword:=FALSE !* Count words
    FOR i:=1 TO LEN(line)
      IF MID$(line,i,1)="" THEN
        inword:=FALSE

```

```

ELSE
  IF inword=FALSE THEN
    inword:=TRUE
    words:=words+1
  ENDIF
ENDIF
NEXT i
IF search THEN !* Print target lines
  IF SUBSTR(target,line)<>"" THEN
    IF number=1 THEN
      PRINT USING "15^,s",number," ";
    ENDIF
    PRINT line
  ENDIF
ELSE !* Print all lines
  IF number=1 THEN
    PRINT USING "15^,s",number," ";
  ENDIF
ENDIF

```

```

PRINT line
ENDIF
ENDWHILE
CLOSE @path
!*
!* Finish with necessary line, word and
!* character counts
PRINT
IF linecount THEN
  PRINT USING "Lines read: '15^,s",number
ENDIF
IF wordcount THEN
  PRINT USING "Words read: '15^,s",words
ENDIF
IF charcount THEN
  PRINT USING "Characters read: '15^,s",characters
ENDIF
END

```

MUSTANG - 020

"C" "Real" Life Test



For the past few months you might have noticed that I have not said a lot concerning our MUSTANG-020 68020 system. Despite it being the fastest system for anywhere near the money of ~~ANYTHING~~ presently available.

Also you will be seeing a lot of "benchmarks" of this system as opposed to others. Every day we run all sorts of neat testing routines. However, of all those we have used or published, I have yet to include one in any programming I have done. They are just not "real life" type procedures. They are fine for comparison, but what I (and you) really want to know is - how does it evaluate to "daily" usage? In other words, "what does it really do, doing the things you and I do daily with a computer? So, just for you and me, I conducted the following, very unscientific "benchmark" series.

The K & R Benchmark (sorta)

I extracted from K&R the "list" program. The changes I made were to replace the "printf" function with "puts", see listing below. Also for the 68020 I declared "c" to be "register", but not "long", I wanted to give the others fair "shake" on this test. Otherwise it is fairly "stock K&R".

The times indicated below are pretty well what I expected. The more I/O you do, the slower the operation. Note that the floppy times for both the level II 6809 and floppy 68020 are very close. Surprised? Well you shouldn't be, practically all the time is spent reading and writing to the disk. So, it make little difference how rapidly the CPU handled the code, it still sat around a relatively long time waiting for disk reads and writes.

This is very pronounced for short source programs and compilers. The compiler must load and unload the same data for floppy or ramdisk operations. However, as the code gets longer (or more complex) the differences in speed becomes more apparent.

For a source program of 240 lines as opposed to our very simple list program, the difference gets real one-

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sided. As more time is spent computing code and less time doing I/O, the real advantage of the 68020 (or any more efficient CPU) becomes very apparent!

**** Three New Options ****

So here are my results, done in a very unscientific manner. But they do reflect what I and most of you do, reasonable things, not too simple and not overly complex (on the surface, that, is).

```
60020 12.5 mhz OS9 68K floppy 2 m/sec step 1 min 03 sec
" " " " HardDisk 18.6 seconds
" " " " RamDisk 2.8 seconds
```

6809 Level I OS9	Sardis SBC (CoCo OS9)
6809 Level II OS9	GIMIX III
68020 Level 1 OS9 68K	MUSTANG-020

Compared to several 68008 and 68000 systems we have tested, the **MUSTANG-020** is still as much as 18-20 times faster. Which means that your 6809 will even 'whip-up' on them (6808/68000) in many applications. But for real 68XXX power, the 68020 is, by far, **KING OF THE HILL!**

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'68' Micro Journal

Continuing with

David Lewis

&

Bob Hardin

Can you imagine the results of an industry standard being established in the software business? A standard that would set portable languages such as 'C' and 'SCULPTOR' the languages of choice in every new system that comes out. It wouldn't be a revolution but an end to one. Isn't it time the giants shook hands and agreed on something? Well if the Goliatha and the Trojan Horses won't find a way to relate I believe the time has come where the small guys (remember David) can bridge the gap between them. Both of these languages have taken what could be considered a GIANT step in that direction.

From my point of view as a user of the language, things seem quite obvious in my descriptions. It is hard to put myself in your shoes and see if it is still so obvious. I am depending on your feedback to help develop the direction of my pseudo-tutorial in future editions.

I received a letter from Cliff Rushing, asking whether SCULPTOR is command driven, menu driven, or fill-in-the-blank screens. First of all I want to point out that SCULPTOR is a programming language and the package comes with a number of support utilities that allow this powerful fourth generation language to do many things. As a matter of definition SCULPTOR is none of the things you mentioned. However, in using SCULPTOR you can develop programs that will do everything you asked.

The SCULPTOR language requires a specific series of events. First the data files must be described and created. Second the source program must be written either by the programmer or by one of the automatic program writing utilities supplied (more on this later). The source must then be compiled by the compiler into an object code. Execution of the object code is then handled by the interpreter.

In using the language the developers have supplied many utilities that make things very easy for the beginning user but still allows the full power of this system for advanced users. SCULPTOR works in 2 distinct but related ways. The first could be called automatic program development and the second a programmer development system.

I. Automatic Program Development

(This is the SCULPTOR main menu)

SCULPTOR DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - MAIN MENU

- 0 - FINISH - Exit from the SCULPTOR System
- 1 - DESCRIBE - Create or edit a file descriptor
- 2 - CRFILE - Create a blank data file
- 3 - EDFORM - Input & Amend a Screen Form Program
- 4 - COMFORM - Compile a Screen Form program
- 5 - EDREP - Input & Amend a Report program
- 6 - COMREP - Compile a Report program
- 7 - RUNFORM - Run a Screen Form program
- 8 - RUNSREP - Run a Report program (on the screen)
- 9 - RUNPREP - Run a Report program (on the printer)
- 10 - QUERY - Run the Enquiry system
- 11 - AUTOFORM - Automatic Screen Form Program generation
- 12 - AUTOREP - Automatic Report Program generation
- 13 - DIR - Directory Listing

Which option do you require?



The easiest way to use SCULPTOR is to allow the language and utilities do as much of the work as possible. SCULPTOR comes with a main menu as seen above for access to all the SCULPTOR programs and utilities. Select number 1 and you can create file descriptions. Option number 2 then makes them into empty keyed files. With menu selection number 11, and the name of the file, the utility will write a complete update program with add, find, next, amend, delete, and exit functions. The system then compiles this program and with selection 7 the program is executed. Automatic Program Development lets you command the menu to produce and run a fill-in-the-blank screen-form program. SCULPTOR can do some quite amazing things considering the power both of the language and the utilities included.

For a great many of the uses this application will work very well. Let's demonstrate a customer file maintenance program: Select option 1 then enter 'customer' as file name. We shall describe the fields as 'cuano' the main key field with 'cname', 'catreet', 'ccity', 'cstate', and 'czip' as data fields. The description will include each field name, a title or heading for the field, field type (alpha, money, date, integer, or real), size (in bytes), format (upper, lower, or numeric print positions), and an optional validation list to prevent unwanted data from being entered. The file is saved and menu returns.

(This is the output from the describe program)
Descriptors for customer

List,Change,Delete,Insert,Abandon,Save,Help: L
KEY FIELDS
1:cuano,Customer #,a6,

DATA FIELDS
2:cname,Customer Name,a28,
3:catreet,Street,a28,
4:ccity,City,a16,
5:cstate,State,a2,u
6:czip,Zip,a5,

List,Change,Delete,Insert,Abandon,Save,Help: A
Abandon (y/n)? y

Option 2 is then selected and customer again is typed in at the prompt. This creates a new, empty data and key file. Option 11 is then selected, customer is typed at the prompt and a program is written by the "sg" utility to insert, find, next, match, amend, delete, and exit. Option 7 is then selected, customer is entered and the program will be run.

(This is the screen form produced)
 "CUSTOMER" FILE MAINTENANCE

```

Today's date [      ]

Customer # [      ]

Customer Name [      ]
Street [      ]
City [      ]
State [      ]
Zip [      ]

i=insert  f=find  n=next  m=match  a=amend  d=delete  e=exit
  
```

II. Manual Program Development

Now that we have skimmed over the automatic program development portion let's follow each type of program through the process of manually writing and executing. We will step through a screen form program and then a report program. Everything in quote marks are commands as typed on the system. We shall duplicate the customer program above. Creating the customer file is achieved by 'describe customer' with field entries as previously indicated. Next we write a program using either the supplied editor or another editor of our choosing such as 'edit customer.f' the .f means that it will be a screen program. In this program we list the fields with the column and row on the screen we wish for the form to be displayed, followed by commands to add data, find data, amend data, delete data, and whatever else we want including exit. This file is then compiled by 'cf customer' the compiler will add the .f extension and if there are no errors found a file named customer.g will be produced. This is then executed by 'sage customer' which actually runs the program. Here we enter data into the file, check it, correct it, etc. listed below is the program that is created by the 'ag' automatic program development utility that was used in the first example. With SCULPTOR even more detailed programs can be written manually.

(This is the actual program produced by 'sg')

"CUSTOMER" FILE MAINTENANCE

```

!file customer customer

!temp date,,d4
+date,Today's date,2,70
+cuano,,4,43
+cname,,6,34
+cstreet,,7,34
+ccity,,8,34
+ccstate,,9,34
+czip,,10,34

      display date
END\
      end

*i=inaert
11\
      clear : display date
      message "Use BACKSPACE to finish inserting"
      input cuano bs = 14
      read customer nsr = 12
      gosub DISPLAY
      error "Already recorded"
      end
12\
      input cname-czip bs = 11 eol = 13
13\
      insert customer
      clear : display date
      goto 11
  
```

```

14\
      clear : display date
      end

*f=find
      clear : display date
      input cuano bs = END
      find customer
      gosub DISPLAY
      end

*n=next
      next customer
      gosub DISPLAY
      end

*m=match
      match customer nsr = m1
      gosub DISPLAY
      end
m1\
      error "No further matching records"
      end

*a=amend
      check customer
      goto a1
a0\
      input cusno bs = END
a1\
      input cname-czip bs = a0 eol = a2
a2\
      prompt "All correct" no = a1
      write customer
      clear : display date
      message "Record amended"
      end

*d=delete
      check customer
      prompt "Are you sure" no = END
      delete customer
      clear : display date
      end

*e=exit
      exit

DISPLAY\
      display cusno-czip
      return
  
```

The procedure to produce a program for printed results instead of screen updating is called a report program, created by 'edit customer.r'. Here we enter the statements to print our data exactly as we want it along with any batch updating we may want to do. It is compiled by 'cr customer' and executed by 'sagerep customer (printer_parameter_file) >/dev/spr' the printer parameter file is required to tell sagerep how to handle the printer we want. The output is redirected to the appropriate device (/dev/spr or any other device), if not then it will be displayed on the screen. As you can see, writing powerful software in SCULPTOR is easy and effective. The above examples have been quite simple and much more complicated programs can be done very easily. I have written a customer update, order entry program that is designed for use specially in a telephone environment where time is of the essence. The program is designed to take care of all facets of customer file maintenance and order entry without having to switch back and forth between programs. Below you will see the screen form generated by the program (the source program is 10 pages long).

(I will put notes of my on in parenthesis)

Order No: | | (This is title area) | Today's Date | |

Sold To: | Customer # | | Ship To: | |

(name) | |

(c/o) | |

(street) | |

(city) | | (Zip) | Terms Code | |

Phone H | | W | | Key | |

Last O | | YTD | | Bal Due | | Type | |

Search by: C=Cus#, N=Name, Z=Zipcode | | |

Purch ord#	Order Date	Ship Via	Terms	Tax C	Desc
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Line#	G/L	Item #	Description	Qty Ord	Qty S	Unit Cost	Extended
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Discount | Tax

Shipping | Order Total

a=add s=search h=hsty n=next m=modify d=delete o=order entry e=exit

The 'menu' is another great example of the ease with which you can produce powerful results. Below is the actual text file used by the SCULPTOR 'menu' program to create the menu found in the section I. above. Similar files can be used to create easy effective menus for your own software package.

```
SCULPTOR DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM - MAIN MENU
0,FINISH - Exit from the SCULPTOR System
exit
1,DESCRIBE - Create or edit a file descriptor
describe %
Please type the SCULPTOR file name
2,CRFILE - Create a blank data file
newkf %
Which file is to be created
3,EDFORM - Input & Amend a Screen Form Program
sage /usr/sculptor/edit %.f
Which program do you wish to edit
4,COMFORM - Compile a Screen Form program
cf %
Which program is to be compiled
5,EDREP - Input & Amend a Report program
sage /usr/sculptor/edit %.r
Which program do you wish to edit
6,COMREP - Compile a Report program
cr %
Which program is to be compiled
7,RUNFORM - Run a Screen Form program
sage %
Which program do you wish to run
8,RUNSREP - Run a Report program (on the screen)
sagerep % pvdu | more; pause
Which program do you wish to run
9,RUNPREP - Run a Report program (on the printer)
sagerep % |ppr
Which program do you wish to run
10,QUERY - Run the Enquiry system
sage /usr/sculptor/query
11,AUTOFORM - Automatic Screen Form Program generation
sg %;ed in %.f
Which SCULPTOR file do you want a program for
12,AUTOREP - Automatic Report Program generation
rg %;ed in %.r
Which SCULPTOR file do you want a program for
13,DIR - Directory Listing
dir %; pause
Which directory do you wish to list
```

If you want to create your own menu let me explain how the text file supplied for the main system menu works. The 'menu' program takes a text file as above and displays a menu with it. The first line is the title line. Numbered lines are option lines with the command lines following them. When the menu program encounters a '%' sign it displays the next line as a message prompt and awaits the input of an argument to replace the '%' sign. If you will refer back to the January issue you will find a description of all the programs in the above menu except the edit programs (edit, ed in) which are programs written in SCULPTOR that can be used for creating and editing source programs. Of course, any good text editor could be used.

I received some literature from the developers of SCULPTOR about proposed enhancements (including an indexed manual) in fact I found it interesting that most of these enhancements in progress were mentioned in my initial review (January '86). I won't go into detail at this time but as described they should make a good thing even better. When they are available I shall go into more detail about them. Keep the letters coming!

Editor's Note: Many current UniFLEX and OS-9 commercial software programmers are using SCULPTOR +. At a recent SWTPC dealer meeting it was determined that over 70% of those present were writing most all their custom applications in Sculptor +.

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COMPACTA UNIBOARD

Dear Don

The 18 month delay between promising you this Uniboard review and fixes article and getting it to you was not due to the mail system! I trust the material may still be of interest to you and the readers.

I am trying to clean up the spooling at present. Ron Anderson's recent tutorials on the format of Flex files led to my resolving a problem with spooling from Stylo. In this case the text expansion done by Flex was ruining all my printer escape sequences which, in accordance with Murphy's law, were full of \$09 characters. I have modified the Flex spooler to inhibit expansion and hope one day to change the PRINT command so I can optionally specify expansion or not when opening a new print queue. This also requires an option feature when writing text files to use either mode. Perhaps someone has already done this - if so I would be interested to hear from them.

Please pass on my everlasting gratitude, love and kisses or whatever, to Ron Anderson for his timely tutorial comments. My thanks also to you and all the crew and other contributors which combine to put more USEFUL information per millimetre in 68MJ than in any other computing magazine I know. (The others are half full of mundane space invader games!!)

Regards

a/Kingsley Burlinson

Editor's Note: Thanks Kingsley, it is never too late. In fact at the same time this is being run in 68 Micro Journal, Digital Research is offering a very special offer on the board and support chips.

We will also offer this on our reader service disk for those who do not want to type or assemble all the source.

I and thousands of readers thank you for your sharing.

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REVIEW OF THE COMPACTA UNIBOARD

K. Burlinson

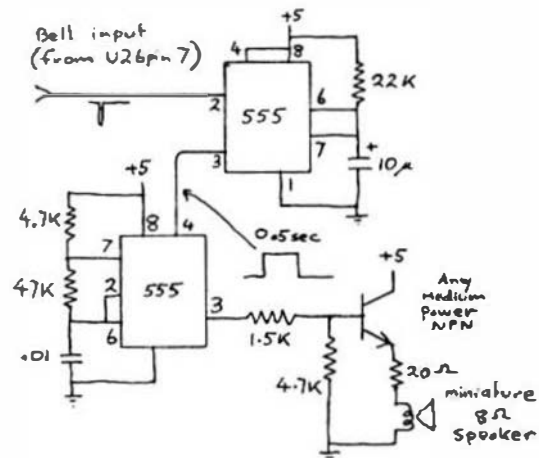
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The Compacta Uniboard, as advertised in 68 Micro Journal, had all the features I had been wanting in a microcomputer. A single board carried everything from the disk controller to a video display driver, with 64K of RAM included. It follows the concept of the Z80 Big Board, also from Compacta, but uses the 6809 microprocessor (so of course, it has to be better!) and runs Flex or OS9. Being hardware oriented, I was quite happy to buy just the bare board and assemble the computer myself.

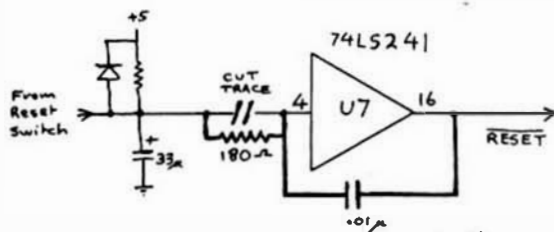
I purchased the board late in 1983 and completed building the system in mid 1984. (It took a long time to get here from USA) This review has been written over the ensuing 18 months and is already rather old. Another review has already been published in 68 and some of the bugs I found, along with some extra ones, have also been described by Sillanpaa in 68 MJ of Sept. 85. I only purchased the Flex system and cannot comment on how the board works with OS9.

The Hardware End

The board itself is well made and comes with 2 PAL chips and the monitor ROM, a wad of documentation and a (much photoreduced) circuit diagram. There are 2 repairs necessary to the printed circuit board and these are documented on a separate loose sheet provided. The changes are minor and no real problem, but quite necessary. The only surprise was the use of 32 type 4116 dynamic RAMs instead of more modern chips. It is tedious soldering all those memory chips, but at least they do work reliably. The step by step assembly instructions provided are accurate and quite detailed so assembly is no problem as long as you take care with the fine soldering required. Once assembled, only a few adjustments are required. These are well explained in the documentation and easy to perform, but you will need a CRO and a voltmeter to do them.



Bell circuit - momentary pulse input
Suitable for Uniboard



(changes shown in bold)

UniBoard - change to reset circuit

My board worked the first time I powered it up and has been reliable over the 18 months since then. Clearly, the hardware is well designed. It uses a DMA controller for high speed data transfers (e.g. to the disk) and the 6845 video controller provides the dynamic RAM refresh. Memory accesses of the microprocessor and the on board memory mapped video are interleaved and there is absolutely no hash on the screen during display changes. You can use a terminal if you wish - that circuitry is included - but I have not used it with a terminal, nor have I yet used either the RS232 or 20ma current loop aerial ports provided. Although a bell signal is decoded on the board, this output is not actually connected anywhere. To use it you need to run a wire to pin 7 of U26 (not shown on the circuit diagram) and provide your own bell circuitry. I built this circuitry into my keyboard and used a spare pin on the keyboard connector to wire it up. (Fig. 1)

I did experience a problem with the reset circuitry. The power on and manual reset operations usually resulted in a locked up system and only repeated operation of the reset button would eventually unlock the system. Inspection with the CRO showed that the reset line had several pulse edges in rapid succession rather than a single clean edge. The 6800 specifications specifically note that this is not allowed and although no reference is made to this in the 6809 data sheets, it seems it is still disallowed as cleaning up this pulse solved the problem. The problem is due to oscillation of U7, a 74LS241 buffer which is being used to square up a ramp input signal. This chip has an RC network and the reset button on it's input. It is preferable to use a schmitt trigger or a CMOS gate in such a circuit to avoid problems due to the current sourced from a TTL input. To solve the problem with minimal circuit board changes I provided some positive feedback around this gate to force a rapid and stable state transition. (Fig. 2) This solves the problem - but requires cutting some PCB traces and voids the warranty! If that worries you, try using only the capacitor, without the series resistor, as that would avoid having to cut the PCB traces. Or try using different 74LS241s.

The documentation of the hardware is terse and lacks one or two items, but is sufficient. It is not well laid out and you do need to go through all the information carefully to learn how to set up some of the jumpers. One jumper, (P6), for the 20ma current loop, is not described at all in the documentation and there are no details of the pinouts for the printer connector. All the other connectors are adequately described. A bus expansion connector is provided and seems to be properly documented although some aspects of the use of this connector are mentioned only very briefly.

The Software End

The firmware supplied in the monitor ROM provides all the basic system functions, some simple but very useful

commands (to read, write and test memory, etc.) and supports the inbuilt video console. It is quite comprehensive and very good in making the implementation of FLEX very simple. However it is not well documented, there being several errors and omissions in the notes. There are also 2 significant errors in the ROM, one of which was quite a disaster for me!

The main problem is that the disk drivers provided in the ROM do not support double sided disks, ... despite the documentation and source code claiming that they do. So if you only plan on using single sided drives or if you are content to configure your double sided drive(s) as two independent logical drives, then the ROM routines should work OK for you. Otherwise, you need to bypass several of the disk driver routines in ROM. This is easily done by modifying the Flex jump table to point to the repaired drivers loaded into the flex disk I/O area. The actual changes necessary to the drivers are quite minor and listed below - but you need to purchase the optional (but essential) monitor source code when you purchase your UniBoard.

(In the year and a half since I contacted Digital Research Computers and Compacts, I have heard from neither and I do not know whether a new ROM is now being supplied. My board was one of the early ones.)

The UniBoard supports 4 drives, either 8" or 5", but only 2 of either size are allowed. I use 2 8" double sided drives. If you plan to mix your disk sizes and also want to use double sided drives you will need to repair an additional routine, CHKRDY, which checks that a drive is ready and performs the selection of whether this drive is 8" or 5".

An additional software problem - not really an error - occurs in the video console code. (This will not affect those using a terminal). The console supports a subset of the VT52 terminal commands and works very well. The problem only occurs with reverse video. The hardware supports this and characters with bit 7 set are displayed in reverse video. Unfortunately the ROM routines regard any character with bit 7 set as unprintable and ignore them. To use reverse video you must bypass the ROM routines and write directly to the video ram yourself. A short routine can easily be added to your applications to allow use of the reverse video feature. This need merely check bit 7 of a character returning from the console and, if set, grab the cursor pointer, write the character directly to the video ram and then increment the cursor pointer.

A further software error is present in the PRINT.SYS file supplied on the source disk. This will only allow one file to be printed in a session, requiring a system reset before another file can be printed, and the print spooler will not work at all. The file provided is a direct copy of the example provided in the Flex manual and has not been modified to read the Printer Ready status byte at the address used in the ROM. The address of this byte should be changed to \$EE17, the location that the monitor ROM uses for this function. The code below avoids this by using the PRINTSYS routines within the ROM.

The documentation of the software is, in places, misleading. For example, the stated required contents of the processor registers at entry into the write track routine are wrong. If you plan to use the ROM routines I suggest that you read the monitor source listing rather than rely on the documentation. Note also that when you are using the monitor commands they require 4 character data fields - even if only a 2 character value is being entered, such as the data byte value in the fill memory command. In this case the first two characters are used and the last 2 ignored (The same as with the Z80 big board).

Despite these failings, the ROM software does have some significant good points. All the hard work of getting Flex running has been done. Not only are the drivers already written but 3 monitor commands are provided to boot various species of Flex. Once your hardware is running you merely need to execute the L command and you are running Flex! (The general version from TSC) Note that you can do this before fixing the disk drivers - it merely restricts you to single sided disks until you make the repairs. The software supplied on the source disk completes all that is required to establish a normal Flex system, although the Uniboard documentation fails to explain this or exactly how to piece it together so you will need to read the Flex documentation carefully. This is not such a bad idea anyway. Having had to fight with the CPM documentation in the past it was great to see that Flex is very well documented.

Conclusion

Overall, the hardware on this board is well designed, comprehensive and reliable. The software has a few bugs and is not well documented but is workable. Just make sure you purchase the essential monitor source code on disk. The source listing is very well commented and between this and the documentation you have all the data you need to make repairs and alterations. The completed system has given me no problems in running all the normal flex software including Stylo, XDMS, Crasmb, Dynamite and Introl C. Most of these require no modifications to use the video console instead of a terminal. Stylograph is easily set up to use the console using the instructions provided. Even the reverse video feature for character modifications in Stylo can be used by incorporating some code to overcome the bug in the ROM. (see below)

I do not now regret purchasing this board, although I wasn't so positive during the disk driver debugging! Having only used a 6800 processor until this purchase I was planning on learning 6809 assembler. Having to sort out these problems to get the system running just made me learn 6809 code much faster! Using the fixes below and others previously published in 68MJ, you should not experience much trouble in getting a Uniboard running.

** Note: This is available in source with documentation (as above) from the 68 MICRO JOURNAL Reader Disk Service, see adv this issue.

DMW

```
*****
*
* TERMINAL DRIVER ROUTINES TO USE STYLOGRAPH ON THE
* COMPACTA UNIBOARD USING VIDEO CONSOLE DISPLAY
*
* YOU NEED TO INSERT YOUR OWN IOBEG VALUE
* OBTAINED AS DESCRIBED IN THE STYLO MANUAL
*
* THIS ROUTINE DISPLAYS MODIFIED CHARACTERS IN REVERSE VIDEO
* CONSOLE DRIVER IN ROM DOES NOT WORK IN REVERSE DUE TO BUG
*
* K.BURLINSON DARWIN 1985
*****
```

*HARDWARE I/O ROUTINES BRACKETED BY
*LABELS "IOBEG" & "IOEND" SO THEY CAN
*BE CUSTOMIZED BY THE USER.

*SET BY USER

IOBEG EQU \$XI -----SET IOBEG ----- SET THIS FOR YOUR COPY

ORG IOBEG

*CONSTANTS
FORT FDB \$EF21 ACIA ADDRESS UNIBOARD PIA INPUT ADDRESS

* MODIFIED FOR INVERSE VIDEO FEATURE

PAUSE EQU \$FFFF HIGHEST RAM USED IF LOWER THAN HEREEND
SIMPLG FCB 0 NON-ZERO IF NO INTERRUPTS
PPIFLG FCB 1 ZERO IF OUTPUT THROUGH FLEX, ELSE PRTOUT
INTVEC FDB \$2FCB INTERRUPT VECTOR LOCATION

ORG IOBEG+\$10 SET BRANCH TABLE
*BRANCH TABLE

INTON BRA JINTON
INTOFF BRA JINTOFF
PINIT BRA JPINIT
PCHECK BRA JPCHECK
GETCH BRA JGETCH

* EQUATES USED FOR COMPACTA UNIBOARD

SCN1 EQU \$EE21 RAM ADDRESS OF SCREEN POINTERS
CURSOR SET 4 OFFSET OF CURSOR POINTER
ESCAPE SET 11 CURSOR OFFSET IN SCREEN TABLE
GIPCSR SET 10

PRTOUT EQU *

*OUTPUT CHARACTER THROUGH ACIA

PSHS X,Y,D,U
LDU #SCN1 GET SCREEN TABLE ADDRESS
CMPA #020 IS CHARACTER PRINTABLE
BLT MOUT JUMP IF NOT
TST ESCAPE,U IS ESCAPE SEQUENCE UNDERWAY
BNE MOUT JUMP IF SO
TST DIRCSR,U IS CURSOR ADDRESS IN PROGRESS
BNE MOUT SKIP IF SO
TST INVFG IS INVERSION REQUIRED
BEQ MOUT NO, SO SKIP
ORA #080 SET HIGH BIT FOR INVERSION

* THE CONSOLE WILL IGNORE THIS CHARACTER WITH THE HIGH BIT SET
* MUST CHECK IT UPON RETURN FROM CONSOLE AND DO OUR OWN
* OUTPUT IF REQUIRED

MOUT JSR (\$FFBE) CONSOLE OUTPUT ENTRY POINT, CHARACTER IN A REG.
TSI A IS THE HIGH BIT SET
BMI CINV YES, SO GO WRITE INVERTED CHAR
TST ESCFG WAS PREV CHAR AN ESCAPE
BEQ GOBAX RETURN IF NOT
CMPA #1 IS THIS THE INVERT COMMAND
BNE UNDO SKIP IF NOT
INC INVFG SET INVERT FLAG
BRA GOBAX AND RETURN
UNDO CMPA #1N IS THIS THE CANCEL COMMAND
BNE GOBAX SKIP IF NOT
CLR INVFG CANCEL INVERSION
BRA GOBAX RETURN
CINV LDY CURSOR,U THIS CHAR IS INVERTED, SO GET CURSOR
STA 0,Y OUTPUT CHAR DIRECT TO VIDEO MEMORY AREA
STY CURSOR,U INCREMENT AND UPDATE CONSOLE CURSOR
GOBAX LDA ESCAPE,U GET MONITOR ESCAPE FLAG
STA ESCFG AND UPDATE LOCAL FLAG
PULS X,Y,D,U,PC AND RETURN

*GET A CHARACTER
JSETCH JMP (\$FFB8) MONITOR GETCHARACTER ROUTINE

*CHECK FOR CHARACTER AT INPUT
JPCHECK JMP (\$FFBC) MONITOR CHECK FOR CHARACTER ROUTINE

*ALLOW ACIA TO GENERATE INTERRUPTS
JINTON RTS NOT USED - DISABLE

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*GIMMY DISABLE INTERRUPTS
*INTOFF RTS NOT USED - DISABLE
```

```
*INITIALIZE PORT
*INITI RTS UNREQUIRED - DISABLE
*INVS6 FCB 0 FLAG TO INDICATE REVERSE VIDEO IS REQUIRED IF <0
*ESCF6 FCB 0 FLAG IF LAST CHARACTER WAS AN ESCAPE
```

```
*ADD A FEW BYTES FOR USER REVISIONS
RPT 0
FDB 0
```

```
* MODIFIED PRINTSYS K.BURLINSON DARNIN 1985
```

```
* PRINT.SYS USING ROM ROUTINES FOR (MIDBOARD)
* COMPACTA SUPPLIED PRINTSYS.TXT IS WRONG
* IT DOESN'T USE THE CORRECT PRINTER READY FLAG
* THIS ROUTINE USES THE INBUILT ROM DRIVERS
```

```
ORG $CCCD
JMP ($FFEA) PRINTER INITIALIZATION ROUTINE
```

```
ORG $CCDB
JMP ($FFEC) PRINTER READY ROUTINE
```

```
ORG $CCE4
JMP ($FFEE) PRINT CHARACTER ROUTINE
```

```
END $CCCD
```

```
* DISK I/O ROUTINES FROM COMPACTA MONITOR
* MODIFIED TO INCLUDE MISSING SIDE SELECT FUNCTION
```

```
* K.Burlinson Darnin June 84/Dec 85
```

```
* Almost all this code is extracted verbatim from the Compacta
* source code. Only 7 new lines of code are added.
* Because these routines refer to each other it is
* necessary to reassemble them as a group. The remaining
* disk routines are used in the ROM.
```

```
* Purpose of the changes is to add a side select capability
* to the SEEK TRACK routine and also to force a switch to
* side 0 when a RESTORE TO TRACK 0 is executed.
```

```
* The assembled code is merely appended to Flex and resides
* in the normal Flex Disk I/O area at $DE00. The Disk
* driver table at $DE00 is modified so that these routines
* in RAM are used instead of the erroneous ROM versions.
```

```
* Monitor for Compacta's Uniboard-09E
* Copyright 1982 Compacta Incorporated
```

```
* P.O. Box 7484
* Newark, Delaware 19711
```

```
ORG $EEDC
```

```
* RAM LOCATIONS USED BY THE MONITOR ROUTINES
```

```
PI1H PNB 1 FDC CONTROL PORT IMAGE
```

```
* IO DEFINITION
```

```
IOBASE EQU $EF00 BASE ADDRESS FOR ON BOARD I/O
FDCBAS EQU IOBASE+40 BASE ADDRESS FOR 1793 FDC
CNTRBAS EQU IOBASE+72 BASE ADDRESS FOR CONTROL PORT
```

```
* DISK CONTROLLER DEFINITIONS
```

```
COMRES EQU FDCBAS COMMAND/STATUS REGISTER
TRKRES EQU FDCBAS+1 TRACK REGISTER
```

```
SECREG EQU FDCBAS+2 SECTOR REGISTER
DATRES EQU FDCBAS+3 DATA REGISTER
```

```
*
*
* DISK PARAMETERS
```

```
RDCMD EQU $BC READ COMMAND
WTCMD EQU $AC WRITE COMMAND
RSCMD EQU $80 RESTORE COMMAND
SKCMD EQU $10 SEEK COMMAND
```

```
* PORT EQUATES:
```

```
PI EQU CNTRBAS AUXILIARY CONTROL PORT
```

```
* PORT 1 DEFINITIONS:
```

```
SIDE EQU 4 SIDE SELECT BIT
DOEN EQU 0 DENSITY SELECT BIT (0=SINGLE)
NDOEN EQU $F7 COMPLEMENT OF DOEN
```

```
*
* DISK DRIVERS FOR FLEX
```

```
* EQUATES
```

```
RDY EQU $80 DRIVE READY
DRD EQU 2 DRD BIT MASK
BUSY EQU 1 BUSY BIT MASK
RDERR EQU $1C READ ERROR MASK
VERERR EQU $1B VERIFY ERROR MASK
WRERR EQU $5C WRITE ERROR MASK
PRCNT EQU $CC34
DNARD EQU $85
DNAMR EQU $84
SECS0 EQU 26 SECTORS/SIDE, DOUBLE DENSITY
SECS1 EQU 15 SECTORS/SIDE, SINGLE DENSITY
CSIDE EQU $FB SIDE CONTROL BIT MASK
```

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*****
* THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES ARE DIRECT TO ADDRESSES IN ROM
* NOT VECTORED - NECESSITATED BY SPLITTING THE DRIVERS
* BETWEEN ROM AND RAM
*****
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```
DISK0 EQU $F597 DISK0 ROUTINE IN ROM
WCR EQU $F5B6 WRITE COMMAND ROUTINE IN ROM
SWIDEN EQU $F4C4 SWITCH DENSITY ROUTINE IN ROM
DEL20 EQU $F579 DELAY ROUTINE IN ROM 20MS??
FNDDEN EQU $F552 FIND CURRENT DENSITY ROUTINE IN ROM
FNDRX EQU $F56A FIND CURRENT TRACK ROUTINE IN ROM
DRV EQU $F4ED CHECK DRIVE READY ROUTINE IN ROM
```

```
*****
* MODIFIED JUMP TABLE WITH RAM AND ROM JUMPS
*****
```

```
ORG $DE00
```

```
JMP >READ POINT THIS JUMP TO THE NEW RAM CODE
JMP >WRITE POINT AT THE DISK WRITE CODE IN RAM
JMP >DE2F VERIFY LAST SECTOR WRITTEN - ROM
JMP >RST RESTORE TO TRACK ZERO RAM
JMP >DE30 CHECK DRIVE READY ROM
JMP >DE37 CHECK DRIVE READY ROM SAME AS ABOVE
JMP >DE3F QUICK DRIVE CHECK ROM
JMP >DE1F INIT AND WARM DRIVER INIT ROM
JMP >DE1E WARM DRIVER INIT ROM
JMP >SEEK SEEK TRACK AND SELECT SIDE MODIFIED RAM CODE
RTS
JMP ($FFDC) INIT AND WARM DRIVER INIT ROM POINTER
FDB 0
FDB 0
FDB 0
FDB 0
```

```

FDB 0
FDB 0
JMP ($FFD2)  ;EPIF: SECTOR WRITE ROM POINTER
FDB 0
FDB 0
JMP ($FFDB)  CHECK DRIVE READY ROM POINTER
JMP ($FFD6)  CHECK DRIVE SAME AS ABOVE
JMP ($FFDA)  QUICK DRIVE CHECK ROM POINTER

```

* READ ONE SECTOR THIS ROUTINE UNCHANGED*****
 * THIS ROUTINE READS THE SPECIFIED SECTOR INTO MEMORY AT THE
 * SPECIFIED ADDRESS. A SEEK IS PERFORMED. A SECTOR IS 256
 * BYTES LONG.
 * ENTRY: (X) = ADDRESS IN MEMORY WHERE SECTOR IS TO BE PLACED
 * (A) = TRACK NUMBER
 * (B) = SECTOR NUMBER
 * EXIT: (X) = DESTROYED
 * (A) = DESTROYED
 * (B) = ERROR CONDITION
 * (Z) = 1 IF NO ERROR, 0 IF AN ERROR

```

READ BSR SEEK      SEEK TO TRK
     BNE HEAD6     IF SEEK ERROR GO HANDLE IT
     LDA $RDCMD    LOAD FDC COMMAND
     LDB $DMAWRD   AND DMA COMMAND
     LDY $Z56      AND BYTE COUNT
     LBSR DISKGO   START FDC AND DMA AND WAIT COMPLETION
READ6 BITB $B10    SECTOR OR TRACK NOT FOUND?
     BEQ READ0     SKIP IF OTHER ERROR
     LBSR SWIDEN   SWITCH DENSITY
READ0 BITB $RDMASK MASK ERRORS
     RTS

```

* WRITE ONE SECTOR ** THIS ROUTINE UNMODIFIED *****
 * THIS ROUTINE WRITES THE SPECIFIED MEMORY BUFFER AREA TO THE
 * SPECIFIED SECTOR. A SEEK OPERATION IS PERFORMED. A SECTOR IS
 * 256 BYTES LONG
 * ENTRY: (X) = ADDRESS OF MEMORY BUFFER

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* (A) = TRACK NUMBER
* (B) = SECTOR NUMBER
* EXIT: (X) = MAY BE DESTROYED
* (A) = MAY BE DESTROYED
* (B) = ERROR CONDITION
* (Z) = 1 IF NO ERROR, 0 IF ERROR

```

```

WRITE PSWS X      SAVE POINTER
     BSR SEEK     SEEK IF NECESSARY
     BNE WRITE6   IF ERROR
     LDA $RDCMD   LOAD FDC COMMAND
     LDB $DMAWRD  AND DMA COMMAND
     LDY $Z56     AND BYTE COUNT
     LBSR DISKGO
WRITE6 BITB $B10   SECTOR OR TRACK NOT FOUND?
     BEQ WRITE0   SKIP IF OTHER ERROR
     LBSR SWIDEN  ELSE SWITCH DENSITY
WRITE0 BITB $RDMASK
     PLVS 2,PC    restore pointer and exit

```

 * THIS ROUTINE MODIFIED TO SELECT DISK SIDE

 * SEEK THE SPECIFIED TRACK
 * THIS ROUTINE SEEKS TO THE TRACK SPECIFIED. THE CORRECT SIDE
 * size and density are selected before the seek.
 * ENTRY: (A) = TRACK NUMBER
 * (B) = SECTOR NUMBER
 * EXIT: (A) = MAY BE DESTROYED
 * (X) = MUST BE PRESERVED
 * (B) = ERROR CONDITION
 * (Z) = 1 IF NO ERROR, 0 IF ERROR
 SEEK PSWS A,X SAVE SOME REGISTERS
 PSWS 0 SAVE SECTOR NUMBER
 SIB SECRES SET SECTOR
 LBSR DEL20
 LBSR FNDEN POINT TO CURRENT DRIVE DENSITY
 LDA P11M ASSUME DOUBLE DENSITY
 ANDA \$NDDEN



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CRUNCH COMOL from Compusense Ltd. -- Supports large subset of ANSI Level 1 COBOL with many of the useful Level 2 features. Full FLEX File Structures, including Random Files and the ability to process Keyed Files. Segment and link large programs at runtime, or implemented as a set of overlays. The System requires 56K and CAN be run with a single Disk System.

FLEX, CCF; Normally \$199.00

Special Introductory Price (while in effect) -- \$99.95

FORTH from Stearns Electronics -- A CoCo FORTH Programming Language. Tailored to the CoCo! Supplied on Tape, transferable to disk. Written in FAST ML. Many CoCo functions (Graphics, Sound, etc.). Includes an Editor, Tracer, etc. Provides CPU Carry Flag accessibility, Fast Task Multiplexing, Clean Interrupt Handling, etc. for the "Pro". Excellent "Learning" tool!

Color Computer ONLY - \$58.95

Reliability Legends --

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O = OS-9, CCO = Color Computer OS-9

U = UniFLEX

CCO = Color Computer Disk

CCF = Color Computer Tape



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

BASIC9 XRef from Southeast Media -- This BASIC9 Cross Reference Utility is a BASIC9 Program which will produce a "pretty printed" listing with each line numbered, followed by a complete cross referenced listing of all variables, external procedures, and line numbers called. Also includes a Program List Utility which outputs a fast "pretty printed" listing with line numbers. Requires BASIC9 or RunB.

O & CCO obj. only -- \$39.95; w/ Source - \$79.95

Lucidata PASCAL UTILITIES (Requires LUCIDATA Pascal ver 3)

XREF -- produce a Cross Reference Listing of any text; oriented to Pascal Source.

INCLUDE -- Include other Files in a Source Text, including Binary; unlimited nesting capabilities.

PROFILES -- provides an Indented, Numbered, "Structogram" of a Pascal Source Text File; view the overall structure of large programs, program integrity, etc. Supplied in Pascal Source Code; requires compilation.

F, CCF --- **EACH Utility** 5" - \$40.00, 8" - \$50.00

DUB from Southeast Media -- A UNIFLEX "basic" De-Compiler. Re-Create a Source Listing from UNIFLEX Compiled Basic Programs. Works w/ ALL Versions of 6809 UNIFLEX basic. U - \$219.95

FULL SCREEN FORMS DISPLAY from Computer Systems Consultants -- TSC Extended BASIC Program supports any Serial Terminal with Cursor Control or Memory-Mapped Video Displays; substantially extends the capabilities of the Program Designer by providing a table-driven method of describing and using Full Screen Displays.

F and CCF, U - \$25.00; w/ Source - \$50.00

DISK UTILITIES

OS-9 VDisk from Southeast Media -- For Level I only. Use the Extended Memory capability of your SHTPC or Gmix CPU card (or similar format DAT) for FAST Program Compiles, CMD execution, high speed inter-process communications (without pipe buffers), etc. - SAVE that System Memory. Virtual Disk size is variable in 4K increments up to 960K. Some Assembly Required.

-- Level I ONLY -- OS-9 obj. only - \$79.95; w/ Source - \$149.95

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Completely documented Assembly Language Source Files included.

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SOFTWARE

FLEX DISK UTILITIES from Computer Systems Consultants -- Eight (8) different Assembly Language (w/ Source Code) FLEX Utilities for every FLEX Users Toolbox: Copy a File with CRC Errors; Test Disk for errors; Compare two Disks; a fast Disk Backup Program; Edit Disk Sectors; Linearize Free-Chunks on the Disk; print Disk Identification; and Sort and Replace the Disk Directory (in sorted order). -- **PLUS** -- Ten X BASIC Programs including: A BASIC Sequencer with EXTRAS over "REMAP" like check for missing label definitions, processes Disk to Disk instead of in Memory, etc. Other Programs Compare, Merge, or Generate Updates between two BASIC Programs, check BASIC Sequence Numbers, compare two unsequenced files, and 5 Programs for establishing a Master Directory of several Disks, and sorting, selecting, updating, and printing paginated listings of these files. A BASIC Cross-Reference Program, written in Assembly Language, which provides an X-Ref Listing of the Variables and Reserved Words in TSC BASIC, XBASIC, and PASCAL/PLAS BASIC Programs.

ALL Utilities include Source (either BASIC or A.L. Source Code).

F and CCF - \$30.00

BASIC Utilities ONLY for Qnd/FLEX --

\$30.00

COMMUNICATIONS

CMODEM Telecommunications Program from Computer Systems Consultants, Inc. -- Menu-Driven; supports Dumb-Terminal Mode, Upload and Download in non-protocol mode, and the CP/M "Modem?" Christensen protocol mode to enable communication capabilities for almost any requirement. Written in "C".

FLEX, CCF, OS-9, UNIFLEX; with complete Source - \$100.00
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XDATA from Southeast Media -- A COMMUNICATION Package for the UNIFLEX Operating System. Use with CP/M, Main Frames, other UNIFLEX Systems, etc. Verifies Transmission using checksum or CRC; Re-Transmits bad blocks, etc.

U - \$299.99

GAME

RAPIER - 6809 Chess Program from Southeast Media -- Requires FLEX and Displays on ANY Type Terminal. Features: Four levels of play. Swap side. Point scoring system. Two display boards. Change skill level. Solve Checkmate problems in 1-2-3-4 moves. Make move and swap sides. Play white or black. This is one of the strongest CHESS programs running on any microcomputer. estimated USCF Rating 1600+ (better than most 'club' players at higher levels).

F and CCF - \$79.95

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WORD PROCESSING

SCREATOR III from Wadsworth Micro Systems -- Powerful Screen-Oriented Editor/Word Processor. Almost 50 different commands; over 300 pages of Documentation with Tutorial. Features Multi-Column display and editing, "decimal align" columns (AND add them up automatically), multiple keystroke macros, even/odd page headers and footers, imbedded printer control codes, all justifications, "help" support, store common command series on disk, etc. Use supplied "set-ups", or re-map the keyboard to your needs. Except for proportional printing, this package will DO IT ALL!

6800 or 6809 FLEX or SSB DOS, OS-9 - \$175.00

STYLO-GRAPH from Great Plains Computer Co. -- A full-screen oriented WORD PROCESSOR -- (uses the 51 x 24 Display Screen on CoCo FLEX/STAR-DOS, or PBJ Wordpak). Full screen display and editing; supports the Delay Wheel proportional printers.

NEW PRICES --> CCF and CCO - \$99.95, P or O - \$179.95, U - \$299.95

STYLO-SPELL from Great Plains Computer Co. -- Fast Computer Dictionary. Complements Stylograph.

NEW PRICES --> CCF and CCO - \$69.95, P or O - \$99.95, U - \$149.95

STYLO-MAIL from Great Plains Computer Co. -- Merge Mailing List to "Form" Letters, Print multiple Files, etc., through Stylo.

NEW PRICES --> CCF and CCO - \$59.95, P or O - \$79.95, U - \$129.95

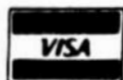


JUST from Southeast Media -- Text Formatter developed by Ron Anderson; for Dot Matrix Printers, provides many unique features. Output "Formatted" Text to the Display. Use the **PPRINT.CMD** supplied for producing multiple copies of the "Formatted" Text on the Printer INCLUDING IMBEDDED PRINTED COMMANDS (very useful at other times also, and worth the price of the program by itself), "User Configurable" for adapting to other Printers (comes set up for Epson MX-80 with Grafix); up to ten (10) imbedded "Printer Control Commands". Compensates for a "Double Width" printed line. Includes the normal line width, margin, indent, paragraph, space, vertical skip lines, page length, page numbering, centering, fill, justification, etc. Use with PAT or any other editor.

* Now supplied as a two disk set:
Disk #1: JUST2.CMD object file, JUST2.TXT PL9 source: FLEX - CC
Disk #2: JUSTSC object and source in C: FLEX - OS9 - CC

The JTSC and regular JDST C source are two separate programs. JTSC compiles to a version that expects TSC Word Processor type commands, (.pp .ap .cc etc.) Great for your older text files.

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The C source compiles to a standard syntax **JUST.CMD** object file. Using JUST syntax (.p .u .y etc.) With all JUST functions plus several additional printer formatting functions. Reference the JUSTSC C source. For those wanting an excellent BUDGET PRICED word processor, with features none of the others have. This is it!

Disk (1) - PL9 FLEX Version only - P & CCF - \$49.95
Disk Set (2) - P & CCF & OS9 (C version) - \$69.95

SPELLB "Computer Dictionary" from Southeast Media -- OVER 120,000 words! Look up a word from within your Editor or Word Processor (with the SPH.CMD Utility which operates in the FLEX UCS). Or Check and update the Text after entry; ADD WORDS to the Dictionary, "Flag" questionable words in the Text, "View a word in context" before changing or ignoring, etc. SPELLB first checks a "Common Word Dictionary", then the normal Dictionary, then a "Personal Word List", and finally, any "Special Word List" you may have specified. SPELLB also allows the use of Small Disk Storage Systems.

!!! SPECIAL LIMITED TIME OFFER !!!

P and CCF - \$99.95

DATA BASE - ACCOUNTING

XDMS from Westchester Applied Business Systems -- Powerful DBMS; M.L. program will work on a single sided 5" disk, yet is F-A-S-I. Supports Relational, Sequential, Hierarchical, and Random Access File Structures; has Virtual Memory capabilities for Client Data Bases. XDMS Level I provides an "entry level" System for defining a Data Base, entering and changing the Data, and producing Reports. XDMS Level II adds the POWERFUL "GENERATE" facility with an English Language Command Structure for manipulating the Data to create new File Structures, Sort, Select, Calculate, etc. XDMS Level III adds special "Utilities" which provide additional ease in setting up a Data Base, such as copying old data into new Data Structures, changing System Parameters, etc.

XDMS System Manual - \$24.95

XDMS Lvl I - F & CCF - \$129.95

XDMS Lvl II - F & CCF - \$199.95

XDMS Lvl III - F & CCF - \$299.95

ACCOUNTING PACKAGES -- Great Plains Computer Co. and Universal Data Research, Inc. both have Data Base and Business Packages written in TSC XBASIC for FLEX, CoCo FLEX, and UNIFLEX.

MISCELLANEOUS

TABULA RASA SPREADSHEET from Computer Systems Consultants -- TABULA RASA is similar to DESKTOP/PLAN; provides use of tabular computation schemes used for analysis of business, sales, and economic conditions. Menu-driven; extensive report-generation capabilities. Requires TSC's Extended BASIC.

P and CCF, U - \$50.00, w/ Source - \$100.00

DYNACALC from Computer Systems Center -- Electronic Spread Sheet for the 6809.

P, SPECIAL CCF and OS9 - \$200.00, U - \$395.00

FULL SCREEN INVENTORY/MRP from Computer Systems Consultants -- Use the Full Screen Inventory System/Materials Requirement Planning for maintaining inventories. Keeps item field file in alphabetical order for easier inquiry. Locate and/or print records matching partial or complete item, description, vendor, or attributes; find backorder or below stock levels. Print-outs in item or vendor order. MRP capability for the maintenance and analysis of Hierarchical assemblies of items in the inventory file. Requires TSC's Extended BASIC.

P and CCF, U - \$50.00, w/ Source - \$100.00

FULL SCREEN MAILING LIST from Computer Systems Consultants -- The Full Screen Mailing List System provides a means of maintaining simple mailing lists. Locate all records matching on partial or complete name, city, state, zip, or attributes for listings or Labels, etc. Requires TSC's Extended BASIC.

P and CCF, U - \$50.00, w/ Source - \$100.00

DIET-TRAC Forecaster from Southeast Media -- An XBASIC program that plans a diet in terms of either calories and percentage of carbohydrates, proteins and fats (C P G) or grams of Carbohydrate. Protein and Fat food exchanges of each of the six basic food groups (vegetable, bread, meat, skim milk, fruit and fat) for a specific individual. Sex, Age, Height, Present Weight, Frame Size, Activity Level and Basal Metabolic Rate for normal individual are taken into account. Ideal weight and sustaining calories for any weight of the above individual are calculated. Provides number of days and daily calendar after weight goal and calorie plan is determined.

F - \$59.95, U - \$89.95

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TST 1,S      CHECK IF TRACK 0
BEQ SEEK10   BR IF TRK 0, WE'LL SET IT TO SINGLE DEN
LDB 0SECD0   ASSUME DENSE, GET SECTORS/STOE
TST 0,I      TEST DENSITY
BNE SEEK1    CONTINUE IF DOUBLE DENSITY
SEEK10 ORA 0DEN ELSE SWITCH TO SINGLE DENSITY

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*****
* FOLLOWING LINES ARE NEW ADDITIONS TO SELECT SIDE
*****
LDB 0SECD0   GET SECTORS/SIZE, 50
SEEK1 CMPB 0,S CHECK SECTOR REQUESTED AGAINST MAX/SIZE
BHS SID0     STILL SIDE 0
AND4 0CSIDE  CHANGE TO SIDE 1
BRA  WRIPT   GO OUTPUT TO CONTROL PORT
SID0 ORA 0SIDE ENSURE SIDE 0
*****
* END OF CHANGES, NEW LABEL ADDED TO LINE BELOW
*****

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WRIPT STA P1
      STA PIIM
      LEAS 1,S      CLEAN UP STACK
      LDA 0,S      GET DESIRED TRACK
      LBSR FNDTRK   POINT TO CURRENT TRACK
      LDB 0,I      GET CURRENT TRACK
      STB TRKREG    REFRESH FDC TRACK REGISTER
      LBSR DEL20
      CMPB 0,I      CHECK IF ON THE RIGHT TRACK
      BEQ SEEK4     IF NO, EXIT WITHOUT SEEKING
      SEEK2 STA DATREG ELSE SET NEW TRACK
      LBSR DEL20
      LDA 0SACMWD
      LBSR WCR

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TFR 0,A      SAVE ERROR
LBSR FNDTRK   POINT TO CURRENT DRIVE TRACK, STORE
LDB TRKREG    GET CURRENT TRACK
STB 0,I      STORE
TFR 0,A      RESTORE ERROR
BITB 0,I0
LBSR DEL20    DELAY
SEEK4 PULS 1,A,PC restore registers and exit
*****
* EXTRA LINE ADDED TO SELECT SIDE ZERO WHEN RESTORED
*****
* RESTORE TO TRK 0

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RST PSMS 1      SAVE POINTER
      LBSR 0PV   SELECT DRIVE
      LDA PIIM   GET PORT CONTROL BYTE

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*****
* FOLLOWING LINE ADDED
*****
ORA 0SIDE      FORCE TO SIDE 0

STA P1         WRITE TO LATCH
STA PIIM       UPDATE RAM COPY OF LATCH BYTE
LDA 0RSCMWD
LBSR WCR
PSMS 0         SAVE ERROR
LBSR FNDTRK    POINT TO TRACK STORE FOR CURRENT DRIVE
LDB TRKREG     GET TRK # FROM FDC
STB 0,I        STORE NEW TRACK # FOR THIS DRIVE
PULS 0,I      RESTORE ERROR AND POINTER
BITB 0,I0
RTS

      END

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Dear Mr. Williams,

Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year, too! As my contribution to the spirit of the season, I am sending you a copy of my new index to 68 Micro Journal. This is just my way of saying thanks for your support in the last year. I also want you to know how much I appreciate your magazine. You are providing a much needed service, and this is just my way of saying "Thanks a lot"!

This index is a standard Flex text file which has proved very useful to me. One of the main values of 68 MJ is the useful little tid-bits that are often included in letters, asides, and the Bit Bucket. It's very difficult to track these back down some months later. I've tried to develop a comprehensive index including all bits of info I felt might be useful later. It's invaluable for finding those patches to contributed software that appear some months later.

The index is a key word index. Each line starts with month, year and page number of an article or item, and usually includes the author's name. I've also tried to identify the item as article, letter, program, utility, etc. Then follows certain key words selected to characterize the topic(s) covered. I've attempted to stay within the 128 character limitation of the Flex line buffer.

You may then use Leo Taylor's FIND.COMD to locate a specific topic of interest. When FIND locates a match, it prints the entire line including the date and page. This makes the whole operation quite simple, and I didn't even need to write any software! FIND.COMD syntax:

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++FIND,<FILENAME>,<STRING>
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prints all lines containing "string". Default extension is .TXT.

The only confusion seems to be with names that are hyphenated or slashed. To

simplify things, I have generally just deleted these extra characters.

Examples: SS30 NOT SS-30
CPM NOT CP/M
OS9 NOT OS-9
MPS2 NOT MP-S2
CFM3 NOT CFM/3
IO NOT I/O
PL9 NOT PL/9

I've included text files for each individual year, although on my own system I append them all together. This is slower than searching a specific year, but the speed is adequate to me. I hope you can find this to be of some use to you. For fun just "find" all the references to "WILLIAMS". Please feel free to duplicate this, or give away to anyone else you wish.

Sincerely,

John Current

Ed's Note; Thank You John! I used your index to locate and sort several different topics and I am happy to say that the results were fantastic. Your system of indexing all 7 years of articles and Bit Bucket items was very well done!

We here are so impressed with your indexing that we have made all 7 years available as Reader Service Disk #24. See 68' Micro Disks Ad on Page 62.

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Dear Don:

We are in the final stages of testing IDMS-IV, the newest version of the IDMS Data Management System. One of the enhancements in this version which was requested by many users, is the use of random files for paging. Paging, in IDMS, is used to swap out memory to disk to allow manipulation of large files which do not fit into memory.

One of my objectives with this version was to ensure compatibility with both FLEX and SK+DOS (formerly STAR DOS). I had spoken to Peter Stark of STAR KITS some time ago, at which time we discussed the notion of loading the index sector into RAM to reduce head movement. Happily, Peter has implemented this in the form of a RANDDM command. I have run some benchmarks which proved quite interesting.

The benchmark is 1000 records each with an effective length of 64 characters, egi a 64K file. Internally records are compressed to 54 characters. Keys were arranged so that the primary sort key repeats within the secondary key, thus rendering a pseudo-random sequence. Times were recorded to load, and to load and sort the file using several different mechanisms. A 1MHz 80286 600s with 8" DMAFI DSGD's was used.

OPS / Method	Load file only --	Load and Sort ---
FLEX with random paging	0:05:28 (320sec)	3:24:08 (12240sec)
SK+DOS w. random paging	0:03:56 (236sec)	2:19:48 (7746sec)
Direct sector paging	0:01:42 (102sec)	1:45:10 (2778sec)
SR load/sort keys only	0:00:47 (47sec)	1:02:21 (1141sec)

Indications are that SK+DOS is 1.53 times faster than FLEX on random file handling. Direct sector paging (as offered with IDMS today) is about 4.5 times faster. The RAM load and sort numbers are included as a comparison with other system benchmarks. Typically these are run under ideal conditions with small records, and in RAM. In all cases actual sort times are derived by subtracting the load times.

IDMS-IV will be offered with both random and direct paging capability. Users may select random for one of two reasons: 1) Only one drive is available (direct paging uses a full drive) or 2) paging is to be done on a hard disk. While numbers are not available, hard disks typically run 3-10 times faster than floppies. We endorse SK+DOS for random paging, and for general use. It is a nicely done, user friendly DOS. Announcement of IDMS-IV will follow shortly.

Best Regards,

Cliff Rushing
Bill Adams

Dear Sir;

I would appreciate more articles on Sculptor. I am specifically interested in whether it is command driven, or if it uses menus, and fill in the blank screens.

I work for LTV Aerospace in Dallas, and we are converting to 4th generation languages now. I am interested in learning if Sculptor is powerful enough, and easy enough to use to be considered by our company.

We are now looking at PC Ramis and Kbase 5000. Thanks for your articles.

Sincerely,

Cliff Rushing

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Dear Don:

First let me say that I bought my first copies of your magazine a few weeks ago from Acorn Computer Systems in Milwaukee and am so pleased to find your magazine that I am enclosing my check for a 2 year subscription.

My current system consists of a 64K COCO II, a Taxan monitor, WORD-PAK II for 80 column display a 40 track system drive and two 80 track double sided drives, and a Gemini 10X printer. I use this system along with UDRI's business software running under COCO FLEX to run a mail order business.

This brings me to the reason for this letter. UDRI has discontinued support for their Color Computer software due to low sales. They will continue to sell their Color Computer software with the source code included, but will not fix any program errors or do any

updating of the programs.

I have found this most disappointing as there are several bugs in the various programs. Some of these I have been able to correct and would like to pass along the fixes to others who may be having the same problems.

The first fix is to the program ARO4.SRC which prints the invoices. When using this program in conjunction with the inventory data file STOCK.DAT it will not always calculate the correct cost of goods sold. To fix this problem, line 4155 of the source code which reads as follows: CG=0 : FOR PLX=1 to 6 : CG=CG+CG(PLX) : NEXT PLX : FU(27,3)=CG. This should be changed to read CG=0 : FOR PLX= 1 to LIX : CG=CG+CG(PLX) : NEXT PLX : FU(27,3)=CG. Changing the 6 to LIX will correctly calculate the cost of goods sold for every invoice.

The following program lines can be added to the invoice printing program ARO4.SRC to update the date last sold and YTD sales in the customer data file which are not currently updated.

```
5012 IF TY$ = "1" THEN FU$(14,1) = JDS$
5013 IF TY$ = "1" THEN FU(16,1)=FU(16,1) + ((SC+ST+IA)*TY)
5014 IF TY$="2" THEN FU(16,1) = FU(16,1) + ((SC+ST+IA)+TY)
5018 IF FU(16,1)<0.01 THEN FU(16,1) = 0
```

If the above lines are added then line 5015 in the program ARO3.SRC must be changed to read FU(15,1) = FU(15,1)-CH. If this line is not changed the YTD sales will be updated twice.

In the program ARO7D.SRC the following must be changed in order to let the Accounts Receivable posting file records be added to the monthly archive file. In lines 1090 and 1140 the statement FU\$(7,1) = XZ\$(2) must be changed to read FU\$(7,1)=0 and in lines 2110, 2325, and 2345 the statement FU\$(7,1)=XZ\$(3) must be changed to read FU\$(7,1)=0.

In the accounts payable program APO5D1.SRC the following lines must be added in order for the program to add account numbers to the posting file records:

```
201 OPEN OLD "ACCPAY.DAT" AS 1
202 FIELD #1,78 AS F1$,120 AS F2$,50 AS F3$,4 AS F4$
203 GET #1, RECORD 1
204 Q$(1)=LEFT$(F3$,10) : Q$(2)=MID$(F3$,11,10) :
Q$(3)=MID$(F3$,21,10)
205 Q$(4)=MID$(F3$,31,10) : Q$(5)=MID$(F3$,41,10)
206 FOR QZ=1 TO 5 : Q$(QZ)=LEFT$(Q$(QZ)+Z$,10) : NEXT QZ
207 CLOSE 1
```

There are some other problems with some of the programs but I have not yet had enough time to get them fixed. I would be willing to correspond with anyone else who has bought any of the Color Computer programs from UDRI and has had problems and fixed them or is currently having problems but does not know how to solve the problem.

If anyone has the compiled programs but not the source codes I would advise you to purchase the source codes for all of your compiled programs in order to be able to fix them to work properly.

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Sincerely,

Dale Przybyl

**** Editor's Note:** We, 68 Micro Journal, would greatly appreciate if each of you would also send us the fixes so that I can include them in our files as well.

Also it can be assumed that these same errors are present in some others version (for other machines). So if you can get the fixes to us, we can attempt to insure that the information is published, in order that ALL can be made aware.

Thanks.

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THE THIRD 6809 DRAGON/COLOR SHOW

The weekend of November 22nd and 23rd 1985 was a special day for all British 6809 owners, and indeed for many of our European friends. Once again it was time for the 6809 show at the Royal Horticultural Halls.

While this show is not the largest computer show in the U.K. by any means, it is the ONLY British show which is devoted solely to owners of 68xx based computers.

This show happens once every six months at the same venue, so if any 6809 owner within travelling distance has not been to the show yet then shame on you!

There were about seven thousand visitors over the two days of the show in spite of typically hostile English weather.

Considering that the DRAGON and TANDY COLOR computers have not had an easy ride in the U.K. and Europe the number of visitors was a pleasant shock for the new exhibitors.

So what was going on at the show?

Well, there were about forty stands selling computers, hardware and software. The offerings were varied, from cassette games for the TANDY to sophisticated computers and processor cards.

There were piles of cassette software for the DRAGON and TANDY COLOR of every shape and description. I pretend not to like games, but somehow I always end up at the Microdeal stand who have over 100 titles for the DRAGON and TANDY computers. Microdeal have a travelling video arcade with computers, screens and joysticks where the young, and not so young, aficionados gather to try the latest releases. Microdeal is well organised and they brought and sold thousands of tapes. A bit noisy though and welcome relief to pass around to some of the more serious folk at the show.

In fact, this 6809 show had the best "serious" representation of any of the preceding shows. I remember Compusense being the only serious company at the first show. (You may find this hard to believe but until Compusense stuffed FLEX in peoples faces the majority of DRAGON owners hadn't even heard of it!) This show had many of my favourite names and faces appearing :-

Cambridge Micro Systems were showing their range of industrial Eurocards including a 6809 based second processor card for the BBC computer. The BBC is based on a 6502, poor thing, and Phil's card gives the BBC fraternity the ability to use their computer with some decent FLEX software.

Just a few yards away from Phil's stand was the Microconcepts stand. Jim and Carole Rew have a fine company with excellent hardware and software support.

Dr. David Rundle the designer of Microbox 2, recently reviewed in the pages of this journal was also in attendance. Just as visible was Adrian of Silicon Fen software who has produced a set of cross "c" compilers for FLEX - when do I get a review copy Adrian? I think that there will be more news from Microconcepts soon on a new computer.

Another name which is well known to all 68xx owners is that of Nigel Bennie of Lucidata. Surely everyone has heard of LUCIDATA PASCAL. Nigel with wife Eileen and son were proudly showing off the "DRAGONS CLAW". The Claw is designed to allow DRAGON owners access to all the rather nice peripherals which BBC owners have in this country. Nigel was going well all weekend demonstrating a robot arm and camera interface to interested spectators.

Further up from Lucidata was another interesting stand. Jim Anderson of Andtek Design was demonstrating the "PLUS" interface for DRAGON and also an expansion interface kit for the DRAGON at a remarkably low price. The PLUS interface combines static ram, two 85232's, a disk controller and a battery backed clock to give real power to the DRAGON.

Further around the hall there were the club stands. The 68' Micro Group were very much in evidence and Ted Bacciarelli and Roger Parrish who were manning the stand on Sunday. By the way the pile of 68 journals on the stand were items of hot interest! Close by were the National Dragon Users Group.

Finally of course there was our own stand, COMPUSENSE. We were showing FLEX, the DRAGON and demonstrating software and hardware. On the software side Stan Opyrchal was showing off our new word processor for FLEX and also modems and communications software for the DRAGON and FLEX. On the hardware front there were Eprom programmers, serial interfaces, expansion boxes and DRAGONPLUS. The DRAGONPLUS hardware upgrades a DRAGON to 128k RAM with an onboard 6845 display using its own 2k static RAM. If that wasn't enough to grab peoples interest we were also demonstrating a 10 meg hard disk attached to a DRAGON (running FLEX of course).

Every exhibitor who had something worth showing was swamped!

What of the future? I am sure that every one of the companies above will be back in March 1986 will be back for the next show. I look forward to the time, maybe next time, when the REAL 68xx companies will outnumber the other guys. There are at least ten more companies I would still like to see at the next show, and I know that they all read this magazine!

DRAGON owners represent about 30,000 active users of 6809 based computers, going by ABC rating of "Dragon User" magazine. Of course the majority of owners are just "playing games" but a significant number bought the computer precisely because it contains a 6809 chip. What I have found is that many Dragon owners turn out to be design engineers or somehow involved in the real microcomputer business. So while young Johnny is off playing games at the Microdeal stand his father is quietly evaluating hardware and software at our stand. Sometimes it happens the other way around!

Yes, we made many new friends and renewed old acquaintances at the show. Yes, it was certainly worth attending for us and for the public alike. I enjoy meeting my customers and letting them judge both me and my products face to face. Incidentally the show also gives us a welcome boost in sales leads and is always financially rewarding. Need I say more?

T Opyrchal

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Many of you have called wondering what the Mustang-020 complete system looks like. Well we decided to make a few pictures of our Mustang-020 system, in actual use in our office. But, we ran into some problems. It was difficult getting it free, for a picture session. So we had to make do with the best we could. Hope you can figure out which is the Mustang-020.



First, as you can see, I must have a little leverage, to keep others (see other pictures) from stealing it away, while I am using it. We have about 10 other systems in our main office, but everyone wanted to ride the Mustang (a little joke). Seriously, we solved that problem - we put 19 more terminals on the Mustang-020. Now everyone rides it at the same time. Sorts like a Merry-Go-Round, but lots more fun! Except for one little thing. It is so darned fast that everyone complains because his tasks finishes too soon. Oh, well.



Mary does all the heavy stuff, from the front office on the Mustang-020. We would have made this picture from her office, and her CRT, but she, like all the rest wanted her picture taken with the main system (can you find it?)



Chris (S.E. MEDIA chief) also wanted to be photographed with the Mustang-020 system showing. Seems everyone around here wants to be a name dropper. Anyway Chris is entering an order for another Mustang system, into - you guessed it, the Mustang-020. Looks practically like the darn things smiling, don't it?



Allyson, Mary's daughter and my grand-daughter is also a great fan of the Mustang-020. As you can see, using the Mustang-020 is "childs play" (not another little joke, this thing is just that much fun!)



Some asked about the ease of service (we have not had to do any yet.) Anyway, as you can see, Tom, our service manager finds it a 'piece of cake'! Guess who got to eat the cake later?



And for you skeptics, as you can see, even Charlie, our vice-president in charge of security, finds it dog-gone easy to operate. However, please accept our apology if you get a mailing of dog bone burial plots, rather than your subscription renewal notice, in the next few months. Charlie, keeps merging the wrong files (no fault of the Mustang-020!) I think it is because he keeps renaming the 'Kernel' - 'Kennel'. Oh, well again.

So there you have it. A very complete day in the life of a Mustang-020 from Data-Comp. With the large variety of BHLs available for the Mustang-020 (see advertisement) (please), developing new or porting old applications is made much easier.

Better get your order in before the price goes up. Which it will probably do about the second quarter of this year. And of course, we don't want to take any of the fun out of it, so I'm telling you now.

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INTRODUCTION

The MVME101 is a VME bus 68000 single board computer card from MOTOROLA. It can be used as a stand alone processor or controller, or in conjunction with a disc controller

and some memory, as a disc based computer. MOTOROLA can supply a system called the MVME315 kit which contains a MVME101 CPU card, a MVME201 256K DRAM card, a MVME315 disc controller, a boot ROM, and the VERSADOS disc operating system. The CPU card has 2 serial ports and 1 parallel printer port.

The WYSE50 terminal has a smoothe scroll function which did not work with the MVME315 kit as supplied, so this is what is required for handshaking on the serial port. The terminal needs to control the speed at which the CPU is sending data, during the smoothe scroll, as the CPU can send much faster than the smoothe scroll speed, even the smoothe X8 mode (there are 4 smoothe scroll speeds and 1 jump scroll mode). The WYSE50 can control the CPU sending speed in 2 ways. It can stop the CPU by making the RS232 signal DTR go FALSE, and/or by sending control S (^S) the ASCII halt character (also called XOFF), on the serial data line. The CPU can then be told to start transmission by making DTR TRUE, and/or by sending control Q (^Q) the ASCII start character (also called XON). This is called XON-XOFF protocol.

XON-XOFF PROTOCOL

VERSADOS comes configured with control W (^W) as the start and stop character and a BREAK (^C) to abort the transmission. Use the SYSGEN utility to change this to XON-XOFF (^S^Q) and leave BREAK the unchanged. Follow the SYSGEN example in the manuals, and copy all the relevant files to user area 9100 on the disc. (My COPY utility has a non operative C option, so I had to rename some of the files to VME101). Then edit the file 9100.VME101.SYSCMD.CD to change the variables: TCP\$XOP to hex 13 (^S the XOFF character), TCP\$XON to hex 0 (this allows any character to start transmission including ^Q), and leave TCP\$BRK as hex 3 (^C the ASCII BREAK character) (you can change it if you want to). Change the logon message REVNUMBR to 4.3:a to indicate the change. Copy the new VERSADOS.SY to area 0000 and reboot.

The smoothe scroll now works nicely at all 4 speeds and the listings can be stopped with ^S and started with ^Q (or any key) and aborted with BREAK (^C).

I also made another version (4.3:b) which uses ESCAPE-ESCAPE as my FLEX system does, to see if I liked the old familiar control sequences.

DTR CONTROL

The RS232 cable should be wired as in Diagram 3. When the WYSE50 uses the DTR signal only, then VERSADOS responds with a DEVICE NOT READY error!

The same file we edited before, gives a clue to the problem. The parameter `TCP$CTRL` allows the use of the RS232 CTS signal to control the transmission. Figure 4.9 of the MVME101 M68000 MONOBOARD MICRO COMPUTER USER'S MANUAL sheet 8 shows that the MC68661 EPC1 (Enhanced Programmable Communications Interface) (AC1A or UART to me) chip U52 has 2 patch areas for the RS232 signals but will force CTS and DTR to be connected together. Change the card such that the control signal from the terminal only goes to CTS on the EPC1.

The changes involve cutting 2 tracks, adding 2 pieces of wire, and repatching. First locate the track which goes from U58 pin 11 to U52 pin 22, and cut it near C35 next to U52 pin 22. Then under the socket of U52, the track continues from U52 pin 22 to patch area K9 pin 6. Cut this track under U52. Using a piece of thin insulated wire (wire wrap wire is ideal) join the track before the first cut to after the second cut. Check with an ohm meter that U58 pin 11 goes to K9 pin 6, and does NOT go to U52 pin 22. See Diagram 1. Now connect U52 pin 22 to the earth end of C35. Check with the ohm meter. So now DTR on the EPC1 is earthed, giving permanently TRUE status, and the terminal control line goes to patch area K9.

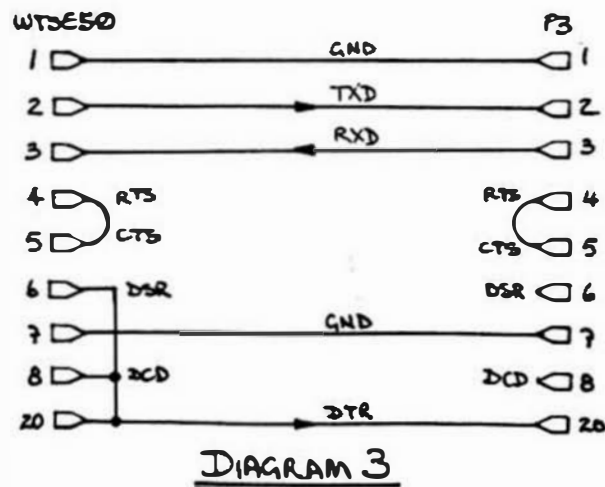
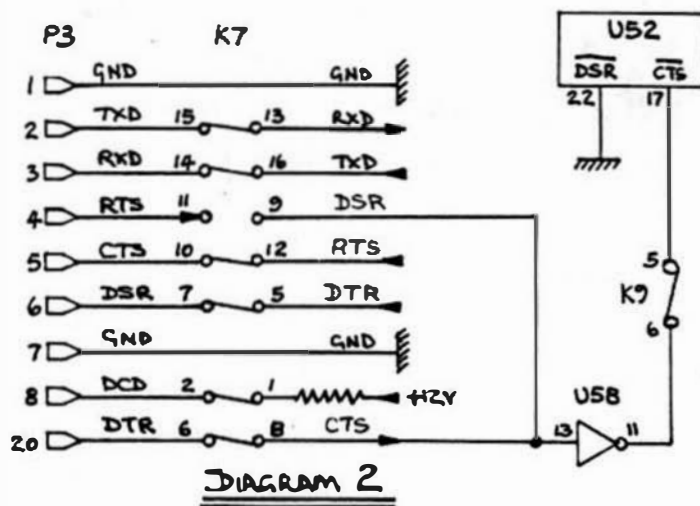
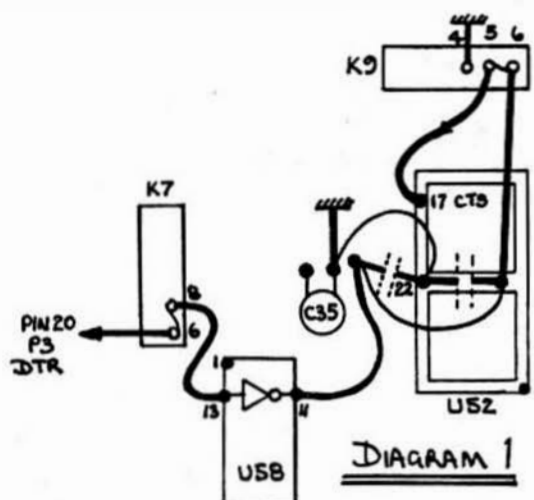
Diagram 2 shows the patching on K9 to connect CTS on the EPC1 to the buffer U58, and the patching on K7 to connect the RS232 plug P3 pin 20 (DTR) to the buffer U58 pin 13 (CTS). Diagram 3 shows the RS232 cable connections between the WYSE50 and the MVME101. Go into the setup menu and set the WYSE50 to use DTR control only. When a listing now occurs, the terminal's DTR control line is connected to the EPC1's CTS input and the smooth scroll works fine.

REFLECTIONS

I don't use the smooth scroll much but it is handy for scanning listings. However, the exercise is useful in becoming familiar with the SYSGEN utility and examining the features of the VERSADOS disc operating system. The MVME101 processor board now has the facility to control the CPU sending speed by XON-XOFF protocol (or any other character protocol). Not only does the system allow smooth scroll, but this will allow serial printers using XON-XOFF to be connected, and communications programs which use character protocol to function. The system also allows control of the CPU sending speed electrically by the RS232 signal DTR (or CTS). The smooth scroll can also be controlled by the DTR line

and a serial printer using electrical control can now be connected to the other port (if similar changes are made). Since the DTR control now works, I can use the FLEX ESCAPE/ESCAPE control of listings if I wish.

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are a couple of utility programs written in PL9 for you to publish if you like.

One is called DCAT; it prints a directory of drive 1, three up, sorted by date, with the most recent file last. How often have you wondered what you called that temporary file you created yesterday, or how recently a backup disk was updated?

The source is written for the international Metric date standard (YY-MM-DD), but simple instructions to change this are included. Note that only 2 digits are provided for file size; the output will look a little funny for files larger than 99 sectors. There's no way to fit a listing with 3 digits in an 80 column screen.

The other program, LA (for List-All), lists ALL files on drive 1, one after another, honouring the FLEX pause feature.

Note that "all" includes .BIN and .CMD files, and that non-printable characters aren't translated into something innocuous (like ".")s, because my memory-mapped video board is able to display them. This shouldn't be a problem, because this program is normally used with disks of text or source files. It might drive some terminals around the bend, however, so you may wish to modify the source to change either or both of these features.

I use this program to divide the contents of a too-full disk into two disks, according to category. I first do a "P,CAT" of the disk, then do an "LA" of it with the printout in hand, marking the filenames to be off-loaded. Finally, I use the excellent Taylor-Puglia copy program (see P17, 68MJ, Oct/84), with the "Prompt before copy" and "Zap source" options, to effect the split.

Both of these programs use the library routines "FLEXDIR.LIB" (included), because the Windrush "FLEX.LIB" routines don't access the directory functions. Neither

program is written to run in the UCS (\$C100), although LA could probably be modified to do so. DCAT, however, requires too much memory for its data storage. At present, both programs store their data at \$6000 so they can be run co-resident with PL9 and its debugger.

I hope you and your readers find these programs useful.

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/* LA.PL9 84 01 18 */
/* LISTS ALL FILES ON DRIVE 1 */

AT $6000: BYTE DIRFCB(320);
AT $6200: BYTE LISTFCB(320);

INCLUDE FLEX.LIB;
INCLUDE FLEXDIR.LIB;

PROCEDURE CHROUT (BYTE CHR);
ACCA=CHR; CALL $CD18; ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE CRLF (BYTE N);
WHILE N > 0 BEGIN
    CALL $CD24;
    N=N-1; END;
ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE MAIN: BYTE I, TMP;
CRLF(1); DIRFCB(3)=1; OPEN_DIR(DIRFCB);
REPEAT;
    READ_DIR (.DIRFCB);
    IF DIRFCB(1)<>0 THEN BREAK; /* END OF DIR ? */
    IF DIRFCB(4) > 0 THEN BEGIN /* DELETED CHK */
        I=3; REPEAT;
            TMP=DIRFCB(1); LISTFCB(1)=TMP; /* COPY NAME */
            IF I <> 3 THEN CHROUT (TMP); /* PRINT IT TOO */
            IF I = 11 THEN CHROUT (' ');
            I=I+1;
        UNTIL I=15;
        CRLF(2); OPEN_FOR_READ (.LISTFCB);
        REPEAT; /* PRINT THE FILE */
            TMP=READ(.LISTFCB);
            IF LISTFCB(1)<>0 THEN BREAK; /* EOF ? */
            IF TMP=$0D THEN CRLF(1); /* FOR FLEX PAUSE */
            ELSE CHROUT(TMP);
        FOREVER;
        CRLF(2); CLOSE_FILE (.LISTFCB);
    END;
FOREVER;

/* FLEXDIR.LIB  DIRECTORY FUNCTIONS 85 01 22 */
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ASMPROC OPEN_DIR(INTEGER);
/* .FCB */
GEN $AE,$62; /* LDX 2,5 */
GEN $B6,$06; /* LDA #6 */
GEN $A7,$B4; /* STA ,X */
GEN $7E,$D4,$06; /* JMP FMS */

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ASMPROC READ_DIR(INTEGER);
/* .FCB */
GEN $AE,$62; /* LDX 2,5 */
GEN $B6,$07; /* LDA #7 */
GEN $A7,$B4; /* STA ,X */
GEN $7E,$D4,$06; /* JMP FMS */

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```
/* GCAT B4 09 26 DIRECTORY SORTED BY DATE */
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AT $6000: BYTE DIRFCB(320);
AT $6200: BYTE LISTFCB(320);
AT $6400: BYTE SWAPFLG(1);
AT $6403: BYTE DATA( 5000);

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```
INCLUDE FLEXDIR.LIB;
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PROCEDURE CHROUT (BYTE CHR);
ACCA=CHR; CALL $CD18; ENDPROC;

```

```

PROCEDURE CRLF (BYTE N);
WHILE N > 0 BEGIN
CALL $CD24;
N=N-1; END;
ENDPROC;

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```

PROCEDURE SWAP (INTEGER J);
BYTE TMP, I;
I=0; REPEAT;
TMP= DATA( J);
DATA( J)= DATA( J+ 24);
DATA( J+ 24)= TMP;
J=J+1; I=I+1;
UNTIL I= 24;
SWAPFLG= I;
ENDPROC;

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PROCEDURE SPC (BYTE N);
WHILE N>0 BEGIN
CHROUT( ' ');
N=N-1; END;
ENDPROC;

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```
/* OUTPUT A BYTE AS 2 DIGITS,
NO LEADING ZERO SUPPRESSION */
```

```

PROCEDURE DECOUT (BYTE VAL);
BYTE CHR;
CHR= '0';
WHILE VAL> 9 BEGIN

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CHR=CHR+1;
VAL= VAL- 10; END;
CHROUT( CHR);
CHROUT( VAL+ '0');
ENDPROC;

```

```
/* OUTPUT A BYTE AS 2 DIGITS,
WITH LEADING ZERO SUPPRESSION */
```

```

PROCEDURE DECOUT2 (BYTE VAL);
BYTE CHR;
CHR= '0';
WHILE VAL> 9 BEGIN
CHR=CHR+1;
VAL= VAL- 10; END;
IF CHR= '0' THEN CHR= ' ';
CHROUT( CHR);
CHROUT( VAL+ '0');
ENDPROC;

```

```

PROCEDURE MAIN:
INTEGER J;
BYTE MAXFIL, K, I, L, TMP;
CRLF(1); DIRFCB(3)=1; OPEN_DIR(1,DIRFCB);
MAXFIL= 0;
REPEAT; /* GET THE DATA TO ARRAY */
READ_DIR (1,DIRFCB);
IF DIRFCB(1)<>0 THEN BREAK; /* ERROR CHK */
IF DIRFCB(4) > 0 THEN BEGIN /* DELETED CHR */
I= 0;
REPEAT;
DATA( MAXFIL+ 24+( I))= DIRFCB(I+ 4);
I=I+1;
UNTIL I= 24;
MAXFIL=MAXFIL+1;
END;
FOREVER;
REPEAT; /* SORT BY DATE */
SWAPFLG= 0;
J=0; K=0;
REPEAT;
IF DATA( J+ 23)= DATA( J+ 47) THEN BEGIN
IF DATA( J+ 21)= DATA( J+ 45) THEN BEGIN
IF DATA( J+ 22) > DATA( J+ 46) THEN SWAP( J);
END;
ELSE IF DATA( J+ 21) > DATA( J+ 45) THEN SWAP( J);
END;
ELSE IF DATA( J+ 23) > DATA( J+ 47) THEN SWAP( J);
J= J+ 24; K=K+1;
UNTIL K= MAXFIL- 1;
UNTIL SWAPFLG= 0;
J=0; K=0; L=0; /* PRINT IT OUT */
REPEAT;
J=0;
REPEAT; /* THE FILE NAME */
TMP= DATA( J + 1);
IF TMP= 0 THEN TMP= ' ';
CHROUT (TMP);
IF I = 7 THEN CHROUT ( '.');

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I=I+1;
UNTIL I= 11;
CHROUT( ' ');
DECOUT( DATA( J+ 18)); /+ SIZE +/
CHROUT( ' ');
/+ CHANGE THE ORDER OF NEXT STMTS
TO GET MM-DD-YY +/
DECOUT( DATA( J+ 23)); /+ YY +/
CHROUT( '-');
DECOUT( DATA( J+ 21)); /+ MM +/
CHROUT( '-');
DECOUT( DATA( J+ 22)); /+ DD +/
L=L+1;
IF L= 3 THEN BEGIN
  L=0;
  CRLF(1); END;
ELSE SPC( 2);
J= J+ 24;
K=K+1;
UNTIL K= MAXFIL;

```

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Dear Don,

Please find enclosed an "Extensible Table Driven Language Recognition" Utility that I wrote recently, for possible Publication in your magazine. The program is written in PL/9, and runs as a FLEX utility.

I have included listings of the documentation and software that are just under 4.5 inches wide. The only way I could do this with the program listing was to use the 12CPI compressed print on a dot matrix printer. I don't know if this will reduce properly, but the source files from which these listings were made are included on the disk. Also on the disk is a compiled version.

Yours Faithfully,



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AN EXTENSIBLE TABLE-DRIVEN LANGUAGE RECOGNITION UTILITY.

This is one of those programs that should be part of every programmers toolbox. It is specifically designed for those times when - after working on a program for two or three months - you ask yourself the question - "In what language is it written?".

Quick as a flash now - out with RECOG:

```
+++I myfile recog
```

This utility has another function - If it recognizes the source program, it is extremely likely that the source is a terrible program, as this utility searches for the seamier side of each language.

The utility is written in PL9. If you do not want to type it in, send me a SASE and a check for US\$999.95, and I will return a disk complete with the source (!!).

As a first test, try it out on itself:

```
+++I recog.txt recog
```

Within four seconds the utility will recognise recog.txt as a FORTRAN program - RECOG once again shows its amazing utility.

****Ed's Note:** 68 Micro Journal offers a little better deal. RECOG can be had in source and .CMD files for the price of a "Reader Service Disk" (see inset - Reader Service Disk).

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CONSTANT

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TRUE   = -1,
FALSE  = 0;
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GLOBAL BYTE inout(1d),
eof;

BYTE table

*FORTRAN	*, "COMMON", *	
*COBOL	*, "ALTER", *	
*CHIP8	*, "FO SS", *	
*PL1	*, "DO:", *	
*TRAC	*, "HIO", *	
*SNOBOL	*, "RETURN", *	
*SMALLTALK	*, "StrangeCapRule", *	
*Algol68	*, "refrefref", *	
*NEAT3	*, "000000P", *	
*PROLOG	*, "(is.", *	
*WHIMSICAL	*, "HEX", *	
*BASIC	*, "POKE", *	
*PASCAL	*, "RELEASE", *	
*C	*, "for(;;)", *	
*BurrpoughsAlgol	*, "MASKSEARCH", *	
*IBM ASSEMBLER	*, "BALR", *	
*LISP	*, "))))))))))))))", *	
*PL9	*, "684", *	
*APL	*, "10%0 HELL&SK", *	
*FORTH	*, "POLY DUP DUP", *	
I:		

CONSTANT

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FLEX_outchar = $CD18,
FLEX_getchar = $CD15,
SP           = 020,
CR           = $0A,
LF           = $0D;
```

```
PROCEDURE getchar;
  CALL FLEX_getchar;
ENDPROC ACCA;
```

```
PROCEDURE qetch;
  INTEGER I;
  I = 0;
  WHILE I<15
  BEGIN
    inout( I ) = inout( I+1 );
    I = I+1;
  END;
  inout( I ) = getchar;
  IF inout( I )=81A THEN
    eof = TRUE;
  ENDPROC;
```

```
PROCEDURE outchar( BYTE char );
  ACCA = char;
  CALL FLEX_outchar;
ENDPROC;
```

```

PROCEDURE crlf;
  putchar( CR );
  putchar( LF );
ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE print( BYTE .text );
  WHILE text
  BEGIN
    putchar( text );
    .text = .text+1;
  END;
ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE print_crlf( BYTE .text );
  print( .text );
  crlf;
ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE initialize;
  INTEGER i;
  eof = FALSE;
  i = 16;
  WHILE i
  BEGIN
    i = i-1;
    input( i ) = SP;
  END;
ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE compare( BYTE .sample );
  BYTE .comp;
  .sample = .sample+16;
  .comp = .input;
  WHILE sample
  BEGIN
    IF sample()<comp THEN
      RETURN FALSE;
    .sample = .sample+1;
    .comp = .comp+1;
  END;
ENDPROC TRUE;

PROCEDURE lookup_table( INTEGER .language );
  language = 0;
  WHILE table( language+32 )
  BEGIN
    IF compare( table( language+32 ) ) THEN
      RETURN TRUE;
    language = language+1;
  END;
ENDPROC FALSE;

PROCEDURE testfile;
  INTEGER which_language;
  REPEAT
    getch;
    IF lookup_table( which_language ) THEN
      BEGIN
        crlf;
        print( "This is an awful program written in " );
        print_crlf( table( which_language+32 ) );
        BREAK;
      END;
  UNTIL eof;
  IF eof THEN
    BEGIN
      crlf;
      print_crlf( "Sometimes a program does not give a desired result" );
      print_crlf( "through programming error, or through invalid data" );
      print_crlf( "or even through some hardware fault. This could be" );
      print_crlf( "one of those times." );
    END;
  ENDPROC;

PROCEDURE main;
  initialize;
  testfile;

```

FLEX 2/9 DELETE UTILITY (DELETE.CMD)

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This article describes an enhancement of the TSC FLEX 2.0 DELETE.CMD utility. This new version should work for both FLEX 2 and 9 systems (I can only vouch for FLEX 2.0).

This enhancement operates just like the old one, with one new addition. By entering +++DELETE only, you can easily delete a multitude of files without the burden of having to type in the names of all the files to be deleted.

At first thought, I was contemplating an expansion of the FLEX XOUT.CMD but found that, for myself, it was too dangerous without at least some sort of minimal prompting mechanism. The following listing is the result of what I have found to be real handy when deleting numerous files on a disk. Simply type "DELETE<cr>" and you will receive the following:

"Delete All files (A), SOME (S), or return to FLEX (F) ?"

Enter an 'A' and DELETE will prompt for the drive number. DELETE will then prompt you to make sure. If you type 'Y' then bye-bye files. The only way to abort the mass deletion process is to type the TTYSET 'ES' (escape character) set for your system. The deletion process will stop for the NEXT file in line to be deleted. At that time, type a <cr> and you will be returned to FLEX. I don't recommend using 'A' 2:00 AM in the morning unless your really awake.

Enter a 'S' and DELETE will prompt for the drive number. DELETE will then do an individual prompt for every file on the disk. Reply either 'Y' (yes), 'N' (no), or 'F' (return to FLEX). I feel more comfortable with this mode then the 'A' mode.

The assembled listing is pretty much self documenting and should be fairly easy to make any changes that you may want. The only hazy area is the print queue handler, which wasn't to clear to me because all I did was implement the same algorithm of the old DELETE.CMD. After looking far and wide, there was no info to be had about FLEX 2.0 print queue entry points, ect. I would give just about anything for the source listing of FLEX 2.0 if and when it goes public domain. After putting up with CP/M all day at work, it sure is enjoyable to come home to FLEX.

CONCLUSION

Hope there are no major problems for the FLEX 9 version of this program. The only two areas I'm not sure of are 'QCNT' and 'QPNTN' in the listing of equates. Disemble your FLEX 9 DELETE.CMD and PEEK around, that's what I did. It's more fun that way.

MAM DELETE.CMD
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* DELETE.CMD UTILITY (ENHANCED VERSION)

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*SYNTAX FOR 'DELETE.CMD':

* ++DELETE,TEST.BIN
* ++DELETE,1,TEST.TXT,0,CARD.TXT
* ++DELETE

* The first example will delete the file named TEST.BIN from the working drive. The file will be deleted from the first drive it is found on if auto drive searching is on. The second line will delete TEST.TXT from drive 1 and CARD.TXT from drive 0. The third line will prompt to delete ALL or SOME files.

* All the original DELETE.CMD restrictions are retained. A file that is write or delete protected or in the print queue, can't be deleted.

*DOS EQUATES:

*WITH THE FOLLOWING EQUATE, USE #A000 (FLEX 2.0)
*OR #C000 (FLEX 9.0).
*NOTE: FLEX 9.0 SHOULD WORK BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW
*BECAUSE I'M ONLY RUNNING FLEX 2.0.
* THE ONLY UNDOCUMENTED EQUATES ARE 'QCNT'
*AND 'QPNTN' WHICH I COULD NOT FIND ANY INFO ON IN
*THE TSC PROGRAMMER'S MANUAL. I ASSUME THEY ARE THE PRINT
*QUEUE COUNTER ('QCNT') AND QUEUE POINTER ('QPNTN')
*WHICH I DETERMINED BY DISASSEMBLING THE OLD
*DELETE.CMD FILE.

A000 FLEX EQU #A000 START OF FLEX 2.0

*SYSTEM EQUATES:

A718 EQU FLEX+8718 QUEUE COUNTER
A719 QPNTN EQU FLEX+8719 QUEUE POINTER
A810 TRACK EQU FLEX+8810 TRACK/SECTOR
A840 FCB EQU FLEX+8840 FILE CONTROL BLOCK
A020 GETFIL EQU FLEX+8020 GET FILE SPECS
AD1E PRSG EQU FLEX+801E PRINT STRING
AD24 PCRLF EQU FLEX+8024 CR/LF
AD15 GETCHR EQU FLEX+8015
A03F RPTERR EQU FLEX+803F
A039 OUTDEC EQU FLEX+8039
AD18 PUTCHR EQU FLEX+8018
A003 WARPS EQU FLEX+8003
8403 FREQS EQU FLEX+81403
B406 FTS EQU FLEX+81406

A100	A100 20 01	START	ORG	FLEX+8100	UTILITY AREA
A102 01	VN	FCB	ST1	1	VERSION NUMBER
A103 7F A4 66	ST1	CLR	FLAG	INIT	
A106 7F A4 6C		CLR	SOMFG	SOME FILES FLAG	
A109 CE A8 40	ST1A	LDX	#FCB	SETUP	
A10C 80 AD 20		JSR	GETFIL	GET FILE SPECS	
A10F 25 77		BDS	ERRR1	ERROR	
A111 7C A1 66		INC	FLAG	LOCKOUT	
A114 60 0C		TST	I2.X	EXT PRESET?	
A116 26 08		BNE	ST2	NO	
A118 CE A3 88		LDX	#EXTM	NO EXT MSG	
A11B 80 AD 1E		JSR	PRMSG		
A11E 20 E9		BRA	ST1A	ANOTHER FILE	
A120 86 01	ST2	LDA A	#01	OPEN FOR READ	
A122 A7 00		STA A	0.X	FUNCTION	
A124 80 84 06		JSR	FMS		
A127 27 03		BEQ	ST2A	OK	
A129 7E A1 AF		JMP	ERRR2	ERROR	
A12C 86 04	ST2A	LDA A	#04	CLOSE FILE	
A12E A7 00		STA A	0.X	SET FUNCTION	
A130 80 84 06		JSR	FMS		
A133 26 4A		BNE	ERRR	ERROR	
A135 80 A3 13		JSR	CHKQUE	GO CHECK PRINT QUE	
A138 26 03		BNE	ST2B	OK	
A13A 7E A1 85		JMP	FQUE	FILE IN QUE!	
A13D CE A3 4F	ST2B	LDX	#DELM	"DELETE?" MSG	
A140 80 AD 24		JSR	PCRLF		
A143 80 AD 1E		JSR	PRMSG		
A146 CE A8 42		LDX	#FCB+2	ACTIVITY BYTE	
A149 80 A2 02		JSR	PRINT	PRINT FILE NAME	
A14C CE A3 77		LDX	#01	QUOTES	
A14F C6 04		LDA B	#04		
A151 80 A3 07		JSR	PEXT	PRINT EXT	
A154 80 AD 15		JSR	GETCHR	Y/N?	
A157 84 5F		AND A	#15F	MAKE UPPER CASE	
A159 81 59		CHP A	0'Y	YES?	
A15B 26 AC		BNE	ST1A	NO	
A15D CE A3 7C		LDX	#AREM	ARE YOU SURE?	
A160 80 AD 1E		JSR	PRMSG		
A163 80 AD 15		JSR	GETCHR	Y/N?	
A166 84 5F		AND A	#15F	UPPER ONLY	
A168 81 59		CHP A	0'Y	YES?	
A16A 27 07		BEQ	DELIT	GO DELETE IT!	
A16C 20 98		BRA	ST1A	NEXT FILE	
A16E 80 AD 1E	ST3	JSR	PRMSG		
A171 20 96		BRA	ST1A	NEXT FILE	
A173 CE A8 40	DELIT	LDX	#FCB	LET'S DELETE IT NOW!	
A176 86 0C		LDA A	#0C	DELETE FUNCTION	
A178 A7 00		STA A	0.X		
A17A 80 84 06		JSR	FMS	DO DELETE	
A17D 27 8A		BEQ	ST1A	NEXT FILE IF ANY	
A17F 80 AD 3F	ERRR	JSR	RPTERR	REPORT ERROR	
A182 80 84 03		JSR	FREQS	CLOSE FILE	
A185 7E AD 03	DONE	JMP	WARPS	DONE	
A188 7D A4 66	ERRR1	TST	FLAG	FIRST TIME?	
A18B 26 F8		BNE	DONE	THAT'S IT!	
A18D 7C A4 66		INC	FLAG	LOCKOUT	
A190 FF A4 6A		STX	IDXT	SAVE	
A193 80 AD 24	AGN1	JSR	PCRLF		
A196 CE A3 85		LDX	#ALLM	ALL MSG	
A199 80 AD 1E		JSR	PRMSG		
A19C 80 AD 15		JSR	GETCHR	A/S/F?	
A19F 84 5F		AND A	#15F		
A1A1 81 46		CHP A	0'F	FLEX?	
A1A3 27 E0		BEQ	DONE	YES	
A1A5 81 53		CHP A	0'S	SOME FILES?	
A1A7 27 12		BEQ	SOMFMS	YES	
A1A9 81 41		CHP A	0'A	ALL FILES?	
A1AB 27 11		BEQ	ALLFIL	GO TO IT	
A1AD 20 D6		BRA	DONE	THAT'S IT	
A1AF 80 AD 3F	ERRR2	JSR	RPTERR	REPORT ERROR	
A1B2 7E A1 09		JMP	ST1A	ANOTHER	

A1B8	BD	AD	24	ALLFIL	JSR	PCRLF	
A1C1	CE	A4	20		LDX	DRVM	DRIVE # REQ
A1C4	BD	AD	1E		JSR	PMSC	
A1C7	BD	AD	15		JSR	GETCHR	0-3
A1CA	01	30			CMP A	0'0	ZERO?
A1CC	25	F0			BCC	ALLFIL	<0'
A1CE	01	34			CMP A	0'34	>3'?
A1D0	24	EC			BCC	ALLFIL	>3'
A1D2	36				PSH A		SAVE ASCII DRV #
A1D3	84	03			AND A	#03	STRIP ASCII
A1D5	07	A4	69		STA A	DRVM	SAVE DRV NUMBER
A1D8	BD	AD	24		JSR	PCRLF	
A1D8	7D	A4	6C		TST	SOMFG	SOME FILES MORE?
A1DE	26	21			BNE	ALL1	YES
A1EO	CE	A3	EE		LDX	BMMSG	ALL FILES MSG
A1E3	BD	AD	1E		JSR	PMSC	
A1E6	32				PUL A		DRV # IN ASCII
A1E7	BD	AD	18		JSR	PUTCAR	
A1EA	CE	A4	23		LDX	BMMSG1	PROMPT
A1ED	BD	A2	C5		JSR	PMSC1	PT W/O CR-LF
A1F0	BD	AD	15		JSR	DETCAR	Y/N?
A1F3	36				PSH A		
A1FA	BD	AD	24		JSR	PCRLF	
A1F7	32				PUL A		
A1F8	84	F0			AND A	0'5F	
A1FA	31	59			CMP A	0'Y	YES?
A1FC	27	03			BBO	ALL1	ALL FILES
A1FE	7E	A1	85		JMP	DONE	ABORT
A201	CE	A8	40	ALL1	LDX	0'FCB	
A204	86	A1	69		LDA A	DRVM1	FETCH DRIVE NUMBER
A207	A7	03			STA A	3,X	SET DRV
A209	86	06			LDA A	0'6	OPEN DIRECTORY
A20B	A7	00			STA A	0,X	OPEN
A200	BD	34	06		JSR	FMS	
A210	27	0F			BEO	ALL2	OK
A212	CE	A4	44	ERR3	LDX	0'YX1	SYNTAX MSG
A215	BD	AD	1E		JSR	PMSC	PT
A218	7E	A1	85		JMP	DONE	
A218	BD	AD	3F	ERR2	JSR	RPTERR	FMS ERR REPORT
A21E	7E	A1	85		JMP	DONE	
A221	CE	A8	40	ALL2	LDX	0'FCB	
A224	86	07			LDA A	0'7	GET SYS INFO
A226	A7	00			STA A	0,X	
A228	BD	B1	06		JSR	FMS	
A229	26	EE			BNE	ERR2	FMS ERROR
A22D	CE	A8	40		LDX	0'FCB	
A230	A6	04			LDA A	4,X	FETCH 1ST CHR
A232	31	FF			CMP A	0'FF	DELETED?
A234	27	EB			BEO	ALL2	SKIP IT
A236	A6	0F			LDA A	15,X	ATTRIBUTES
A238	84	10			AND A	0'10	CAT PROTECTED?
A23A	26	E5			BNE	ALL2	YES, SKIP IT
A23C	A6	0F			LDA A	15,X	AGN
A23E	84	40			AND A	0'40	DELETE PROTECTED?
A240	26	0F			BNE	ALL2	YES, SKIP IT
A242	A6	04			LDA A	4,X	NAME
A244	01	00			CMP A	0'00	LAST ENTRY?
A246	26	03			BNE	ALL3	NOT DONE
A248	7E	A1	85		JMP	DONE	
A248	CE	A8	40	ALL3	LDX	0'FCB	
A24E	BD	A3	13		JSR	CHKQUE	GO CHECK PRINT QUE
A251	26	09			BNE	ALL4	OK
A253	CE	A3	9E		LDX	0'FILEM	FILE IN QUE
A256	BD	AD	1E		JSR	PMSC	
A259	7E	A2	21		JMP	ALL2	NEXT FILE
A25C	BD	AD	24	ALL4	JSR	PCRLF	
A25F	CE	A8	42		LDX	0'FCB+2	ACTIVITY BYTE
A262	BD	A2	02		JSR	PRINT	PRINT FILE NAME
A265	C6	04			LDA B	04	
A267	BD	A3	07		JSR	PEXT	PRINT EXT

		*A1 THIS POINT WE WILL		IFER FCB TO A TEMP FCB
A26A	CE A8 40	LDX	#FCB	SOURCE
A26D	FF A4 6D	STX	THPS	
A270	CE A4 72	LDX	#FCB1	DEST
A273	FF A4 6F	STX	THPD	
A276	C6 10	LDA B	#16	IFER WIDTH1
A278	FE A4 6D	LDX	THPS	SOURCE
A278	A6 00	LDA A	0:X	FETCH SOURCE BYTE
A27D	08	JNX		
A27E	FF A4 6D	STX	THPS	UPDATE
A281	FE A4 6F	LDX	THPD	DEST
A284	A7 00	STA A	0:X	SAVE
A286	08	INX		
A287	FF A4 6F	STX	THPD	UPDATE
A28A	5A	DEC B		
A28B	26 EB	BNE	IFER	MORE TO XFER
A28D	7D A4 6C	TST	SOMFG	DEL SOME MODE?
A290	27 15	BEQ	SOM1	NO!
A292	CE A3 38	LDX	#DELW1	DELETE MSG
A295	B0 A2 C5	JSR	PHSG1	
A298	B0 A0 15	JSR	GETCHR	Y/N?
A298	84 5F	AND A	#95F	UPPER CASE
A29D	31 59	CMP A	0'Y	IFER CASE
A29F	27 06	BEQ	SOM1	YES!
A2A1	31 46	CMP A	0'F	IFER?
A2A3	27 1A	BEQ	ALL6A	YES
A2A5	26 15	BNE	ALL6	SKIP IT
A2A7	CE A4 72	LDX	#FCB1	LET'S DELETE IT NOW
A2AA	36 0C	LDA A	#50C	DELETE FUNCTION
A2AC	A7 00	STA A	0:X	
A2AE	B0 84 06	JSR	FMS	
A2B1	27 03	BEQ	ALL5	OK
A2B3	7E A1 7F	JMP	ERR0	REPORT ERR
A2B6	CE A4 58	LDX	#FDM	
A2B9	B0 A2 C5	JSR	PHSG1	
A2BC	7E A2 21	JMP	ALL2	NEXT FILE
A2BF	7E A1 85	JMP	DONE	ABORT

*DELETE SOME FILES HERE:

A2C2 7E A1 B5 S0NFIL .MP DONE

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A2C5 A6 00      MSG1   LDA A 0.1      FETCH CHR
A2C7 B1 04      CMP A 04      EDT?
A2C9 27 06      BEQ      MSG2      DONE
A2CB B0 A0 18    JSR      PUTCHR    PR IT
A2CD 08          JMT
A2CF 20 F4      BRA      MSG1      ANOTHER CHR
A2D1 39          MSG2   RTS

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A2D2 6F 00	PRINT	CLR	0:Z	CLR ACTIVITY STATUS
A2D4 5F		CLR	0	NO LEAD ZEROS
A2D5 B0 AD 39		JSR	OUTDEC	PRINT DRV #
A2D8 CE A8 44		LXI	0FCB+4	FILE NAME
A2D9 86 2E		LDA A	0'	DECIMAL POINT
A2D0 B0 AD 18		JSR	PUTCAR	
A2E0 C6 0C		LDA 0	00	0 CHR\$ MAX
A2E2 86 09		LDA A	09	
A2E4 87 A4 71		STA A	CNT	
A2E7 A6 00	FOR	LDA A	0:Z	FETCH FILE NAME CHR
A2E9 27 06		BEQ	FOR	NOP!
A2EB B0 AD 18		JSR	PUTCAR	PRINT CHR
A2EE 7A A4 71		DEC	CNT	
A2F1 08	FOR	JMX		NEXT FILE NAME CHR
A2F2 5A		DEC 0		1 LESS CHR
A2F3 26 F2		BNE	FOR	CONTINUE NAME PRINT
A2F5 F6 A4 71		LDA 0	CNT	SPACE CNTR

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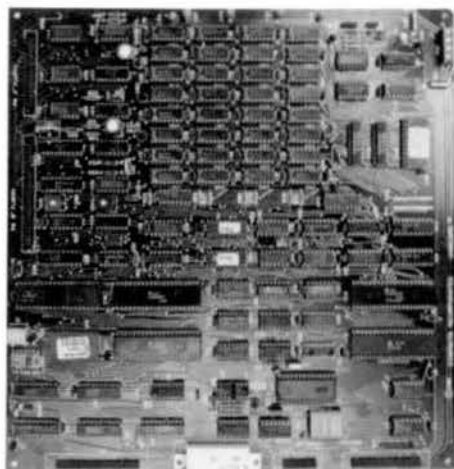
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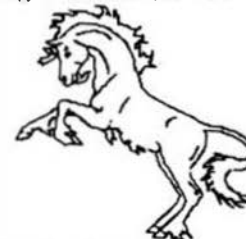
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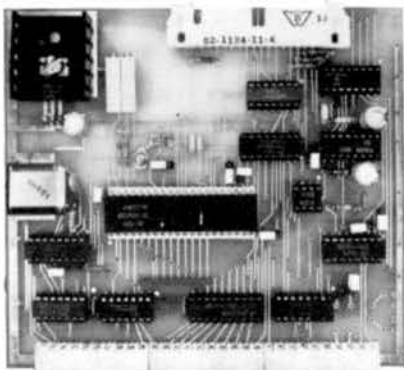
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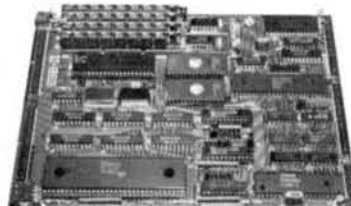
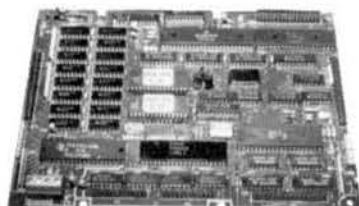
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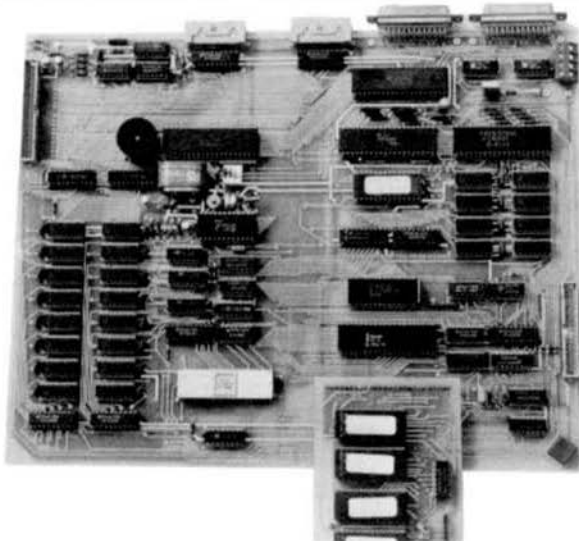
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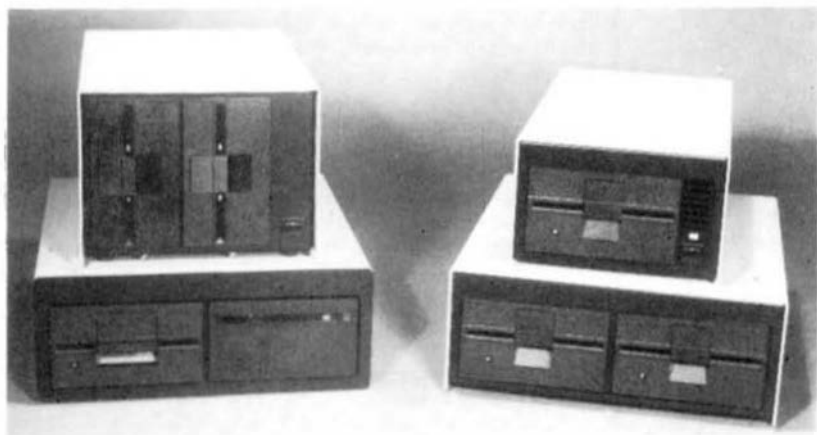
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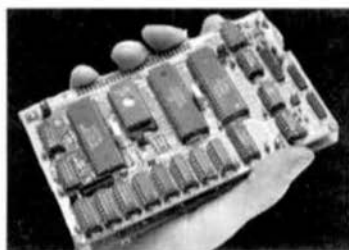
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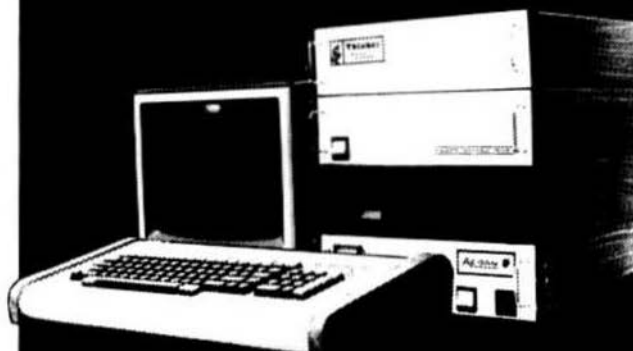
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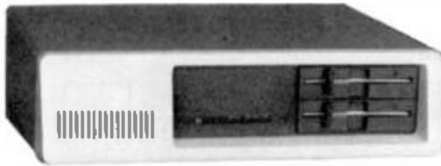
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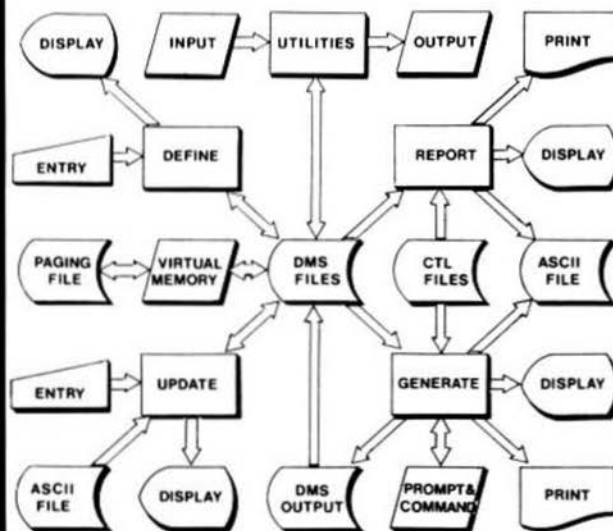
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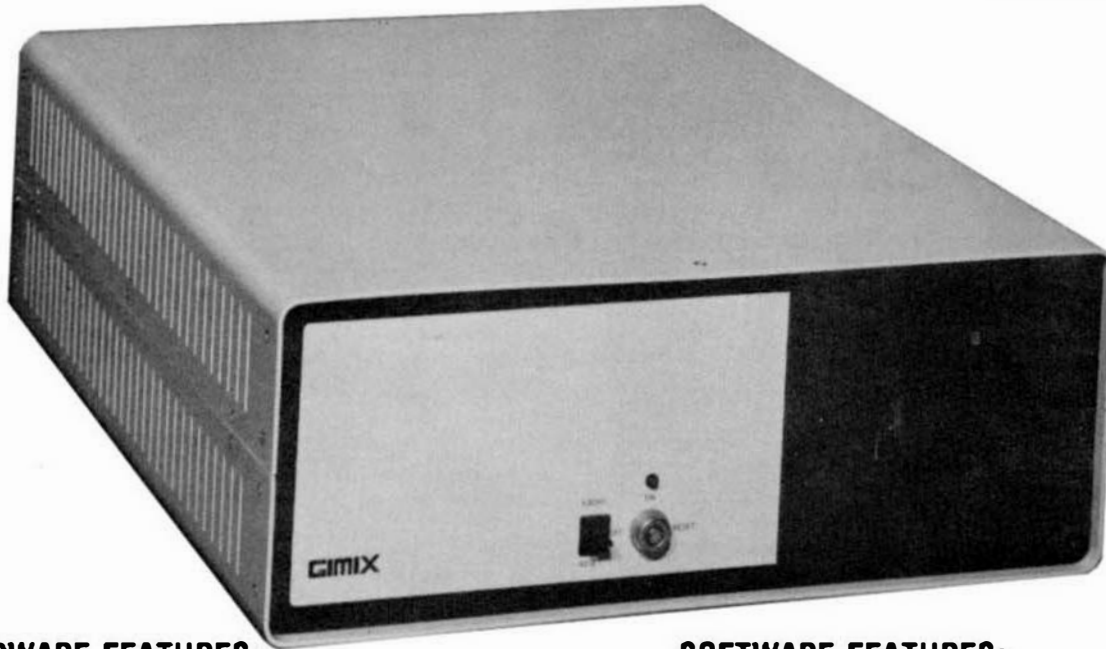
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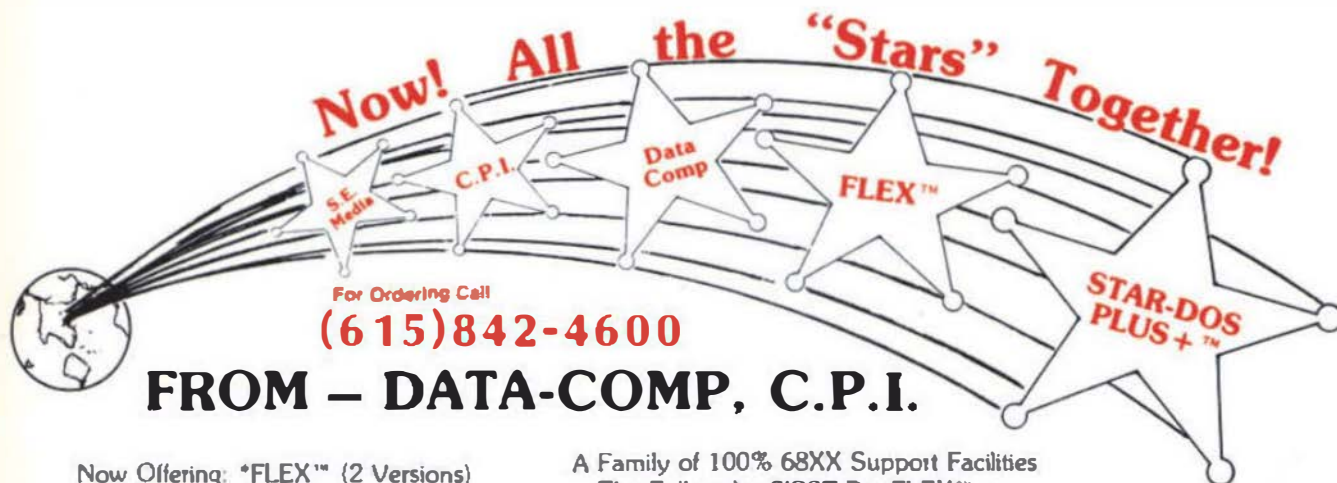
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